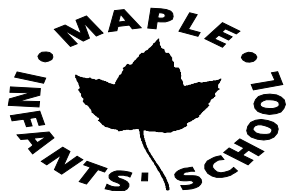


# MAPLE NEWS



Newsletter No. 3



29<sup>th</sup> February 2008

Dear Parents and Carers,

Many thanks for all the questionnaires that have been completed and sent back to school. It is really important that you all have the opportunity to make your responses so anyone who has mislaid their forms, please come to the school office for a replacement. This year three questionnaires have been sent out. One was addressed most specifically to the Nursery parents, the other to the main school parents and the third to the pupils. I am currently considering all your responses and intend to share these with you before the end of term.

Next week is Book Week at Maple and we have a variety of activities and experiences planned for the children (see attached timetable). Thursday, of course, is World Book Day and the children are encouraged to dress up as a book character for the day and they will all receive a book voucher to take home. We have a theatre company coming in and the staff have been working hard to organise an exciting week. Children are encouraged to bring a different book to school each day to read during quiet reading time **but please make sure that all books are named**. We are also asking for photos of your child reading (anywhere!) for the classroom displays. As I will be away at the Heads' Conference and next Friday the hall will be used for the class photographs, we have decided to have an assembly to round up Book Week on Monday March 10<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm and all parents are welcome to come if they wish. We will also be celebrating the Book Week birthdays on this occasion.

Last week I was contacted by the radio station Magic 105.4 fm and invited to take part in The Big School Sing Up. This is a nationwide and government backed campaign to encourage children to sing together. Next week Magic 105.4 will be visiting Maple Infants' to record the Year 2 choir singing 'London's Burning'. The recording will be uploaded onto Magic 105.4 website and may even be broadcast at some stage. Many thanks to Mrs Brownsell and Mrs Smith for organising the Year 2 choir and for putting so much hard work and energy into it. Maple is really becoming a singing school!

The mid-year parents' consultations were well attended, as usual, and it was lovely to see parents having the chance to experience the school running as it does each day. I would appreciate any feedback you may wish to give me about whether you felt this was useful and ought to be repeated each year or if you wish to revert to the mid-academic year report.

Our Easter Hat Parade will take place on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> at 10.20am in the school hall and parents are invited to come. I look forward to seeing you all on the day.

Yours Sincerely  
Liz Robinson  
(Head Teacher)

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

03.03.08.....Book Week begins  
(See timetable)  
03.03.08.....Fire Officer to visit Year 2  
04.03.08.....Freshwater Theatre - Yrs 1& 2  
'The brothers' Grimm'  
06.03.08.....Bring a book to school and  
dress up as a character  
07.03.08.....Class photographs  
10.03.08.....Book Week Assembly  
10.03.08.....Freshwater Theatre workshops  
Reception & Nursery  
13.03.08.....Road safety show – Yrs 1&2  
20.03.08.....Easter Hat Parade  
21.03.08.....Bank Holiday  
24.03.08.....Bank Holiday  
03.04.08.....Road Safety show  
whole school  
04.04.08.....School closes at 12.00

### SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL ASPECTS OF LEARNING (SEAL)

This term our assemblies will be based on the theme of 'Good to be me. The theme has been started in assembly and will be followed up in class.

### PE T-shirts

These may be purchased from the school office. An order form is available and the cost is £4.50. Many of the children are wearing these now and they do look very smart.

### SCHOOL GOVERNORS

Sheila Mitchell MBE	Chair
David Weedon	Vice Chair
Liz Robinson	Ex-Officio
Beryl Pooley	Community
Diane White	Community
David Bridges	LA
Zoe Brittain	Teaching Staff
Pauline Symmons	Support Staff
Gee-Kay Wong	Parent
Richard Hinkly	Parent
Ruth May	Parent
Elinor Burdall	Clerk

### Website

I have begun to do a Head Teacher's blog on the website !

Please go to [www.mapleinfants.co.uk](http://www.mapleinfants.co.uk), click on 'Try our new homepage' and have a look at our new site development. Click on 'web notice boards' to read the blogs and watch this space for further developments. Some of the staff are trialling our blogs!!

