

MAPLE NEWS



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Dear Parents and Carers

What a week this has been weather wise although I do hope that many of you were able to enjoy the snow with your children! It was really useful to be able to publish updates as to the school closure situation on our website and many of you, including the staff, referred to the website throughout the 'crisis' period to be kept in the loop. Should there be any further changes to the school timetable etc. please continue to refer to the website for information. Hopefully, the worst is over and Maple Infants' can get back to normal!

All our best wishes go to Miss Helen Funnell who gave birth to a beautiful baby girl at the beginning of December. Miss Funnell intends to return to school in March and we are delighted that she is coming back. I'm sure that you will all be pleased to see her back on the leadership team again and part of the Maple staff community. On a similar vein, music coordinator, Mrs Catherine Brownsell is due to commence her maternity leave in early March. We will make every effort to maintain the high standard of musical performance that Mrs Brownsell has been responsible for creating at Maple until her return later on in the year.

Front of School project

For a while now we have been considering extending our front of school to provide a more welcoming waiting area for parents, better toilet facilities for staff, a bigger staffroom and a better designed medical room. Finally we are now in the position to push this project forward and are in negotiation now with architects, Tuffin, Ferraby & Taylor regarding the work being sent out to tender with a view to commencing in May. Of course, this will mean an element of disruption on site while the work is being carried out but with your co-operation we will aim for a completion of the project in the summer holidays. Further details and plans will be shared with you as the year progresses.

Mid-Year Parents' Consultation days

Information will be coming out soon about Parent Consultation days. They will commence in the first week back after the half-term break and each class teacher will be released to meet with parents. You will be able to book appointments next week.

Yours sincerely

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