

MAPLE NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers

Potential Expansion of Maple infants' and St Andrew's & St Mark's

I am aware that there are lots of views and concerns re: the potential expansion of the two schools and, as a result, our Chair of Governors, Geoff Hilliard, is communicating fully, to all parents in the form of an attached letter from the governors of Maple. In a nutshell, both schools are in favour of an expansion to 3 form entrance status but there are issues for us surrounding the building proposal for the SASM side. Both schools, naturally, want the best for their pupils and community and we are doing everything we can to this end. As head teacher of Maple, I will continue to press for the minimum of disruption and best possible resolution for Maple Infants'. From a design point of view, it is important that we get this right and, as the access route will be via the St James entrance, there will be lots of concerns for us surrounding health & safety and playground space. Geoff Hilliard's letter will, hopefully, serve to put everyone in the picture.

Parent Questionnaires

As usual at this time of year, we send out our Parent and Pupil Questionnaires. This year, they will be coming out after Easter and, over the next few weeks, we will be considering any new changes that need to be made to our questionnaire format. Our questions are usually based on the Ofsted model and we aim to get as many responses as possible in order to gain as much information as we can to evaluate our provision and address any rooms for improvement.

Stolen lead flashing

Some of you may be aware that we had all the lead flashing stolen from the roof of both schools recently. An article appeared in The Surrey Comet about this and many of you have mentioned it to me in the playground. The police were called in, of course, and the roof has now been repaired minus lead!

Book Week

Our school timetable for Book Week, this week has been great fun at Maple and, on Thursday, we invite all children and staff (parents too if you wish!) to come to school dressed as a book character. Over the years, we have had a really good response to this event and I'm sure that this year will be just the same!

Multicultural Evening

Don't forget The Friends' Multicultural evening at Maple between 5.30pm and 7.30pm in the school hall. There will be singing from the choir, delicious food from around the world, a fashion show and it looks to be a wonderful event. We will certainly be having our fair share of dressing up this week!

Yours sincerely

Liz Robinson
Head Teacher

**DATES FOR THE DIARY
(March)**

- 03.03.14 **BOOK WEEK**
- 03.03.14 **Surbiton librarian to visit
Maple**
- 04.03.14 **Perform 4 Schools
workshops**
- 05.03.14 **Whole school storytelling
carousel**
- 06.03.14 **Dressing up as book
characters**
- 07.03.13 **Multi-cultural Evening 5.30
-7.30pm**
- 17.03.14 **Science & Technology week
(Spies and Detectives)**
- 19.03.13 **Governing Body Meeting -
6.00pm**
- 24.03.14 **NSPCC Assembly**
- 24.03.14 **Reception Parents' W/shop
(phonics)**
- 25.03.14 **Miller's Ark visiting farm**
- 26.03.14 **Miller's Ark visiting farm**
- 28.03.14 **Sponsored Bounce**
- 28.03.14 **Reception Mothers' Day
Tea**
- 04.04.14 **Easter Bonnet Parades**
- 04.04.14 **Last day - SCHOOL
CLOSES AT 2PM**
- 22.04.14 **SCHOOL COMMENCES**

sustain our PE provision. Last Monday we held a Gugafit assembly and launched a Healthy School programme with the children. The Nursery have enjoyed some Teddy Tennis and our staff have had an Inset session with Funsports. Watch this space for more to come!!

**FUND RAISING &
VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS**

It cannot be stressed how important your family contributions of £25 per year and the tireless fundraising events of The Friends are to the running of our school. These donations and contributions mean that Maple Infants' can maintain a full and enriching curriculum. Each and every donation is valued and it is wonderful to feel that we are all pulling together to maintain these enrichment activities and outings which would not exist without your monetary support!

Many thanks!

PE & Sports Award Grant



We have received our Sports' funding and have already set up some new initiatives to build up and

**Assembly Theme
(Social and emotional aspects of
learning)**

**The theme for this term will be
'Good to be me'.**

**This theme is about
understanding our strengths and
weaknesses as learners. It aims to
develop knowledge and
understanding of self-awareness,
managing feelings and empathy.**