

MAPLE NEWS



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Today the children met with their new teachers for story time and went into their new classrooms. I've no doubt that your children have been sharing their thoughts about 'moving on' with you recently and we have been basing a lot of our PHSE work in school around the theme of 'Changes' in preparation for the transition ahead.

Staff Changes

As with every end of term comes the time of saying goodbye to certain members of staff who will be leaving Maple this year. This year we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Mellor and Miss Gough who are both moving to new schools and greater responsibilities. Mrs Mellor has been at Maple since September 2008 and has worked in the Receptions throughout this time. Miss Gough came to us a little later in 2011. Both teachers have shown real commitment to their teaching and will be very much missed by colleagues, parents and pupils. Teaching Assistant, Miss Darby, will, also, be leaving us as she will be re-locating to Kent shortly. We welcome new Teaching Assistant, Mr Titterton who will be based in Laurel Class and are in the throes of recruiting a replacement for Miss Darby for Cedar Class. We, also, wish Mrs Hagger the very best as she commences her maternity leave.

The Friends

Many thanks go to the tireless fundraising efforts made by The Friends this year, all of which enables the children at Maple to have a high level of curriculum enrichment throughout the year! None of this would be possible without a high level of fundraising. This year has been particularly successful!

Expansion

When we return to school in September work will be in process to begin the installation of the SASM expansion. I have been informed by the LA that the St James access should be open, as usual, which will make things much easier than was initially indicated. However there will be less playground space available to us when we come back as a large area of playground space will have to be cordoned off and surrounded by safety hoardings but there will be every intention to utilise all the other spaces that are available, whilst being mindful of Health & Safety considerations. Discussions will, then, be based around the proposals to expand Maple and what this will mean for us all. I will continue to inform you in my newsletters of what we will be expecting to happen as I am made aware and would like to set up a Parents' Forum for the duration of the project so that views can be shared and suggestions made.

Finally, very best wishes for a restful and happy summer break! We have had a busy year at Maple and our pupil achievements continue to be successful and to be celebrated.

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Your Sincerely

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