

MAPLE NEWS



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Dear Parents and Carers

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

The borough proposal to expand both schools is now back on schedule for consultation. Both head teachers, chairs of governors and representatives from the diocese and the LA have met on two occasions since the proposal was withdrawn in an effort to achieve a joint approach towards our goal to expand to three form entry schools. There has never been any doubt that the Maple Governing Body want this expansion to take place and, like SASM, consider it is our duty to the community to achieve this end and provide places for our local children, whilst maintaining our high standards. As a result, there is a drop-in session being held in the SASM hall tonight, 8th May, between 5.00pm and 7.00pm. Most of you will be aware of this already, as leaflets have been distributed locally, but please note that the time has changed to best accommodate parents. Mrs Vigurs, head teacher of SASM has sent out a newsletter to her parents highlighting the rationale behind the SASM requirement for eight further class rooms and this is available currently on the SASM website for your information at <http://www.sasm.kingston.sch.uk>. As far as Maple is concerned, I would like to make it very clear that the positioning of the SASM proposed building is an issue for us, as is the quality of the build, although we do accept that there are financial constraints. Also, we have concerns about the access point from St James Rd. which will be utilised during both building works. Please attend the drop-in session tonight, if you are available and make your views known once more to the schools and the council. It is important that a wide range of parental comments are gathered in order to ensure that this process continues with clarity and a fully informed community. We have already started to receive some of your heart-felt communications and will be responding as soon as possible, where necessary. Chair of Governors, Geoff Hilliard will be communicating with parents shortly with further information surrounding the proposed expansion.

Year 2 Leavers' Concert

Please note that the date for the Year 2 Leavers' Concert has changed and is now Monday, 14th July **not** 21st July, as was previously advertised in our school calendar.

Sponsored Bounce

Our Sponsored Bounce raised a total of £924 for the school and there are plans to develop our maths resources throughout the school with this amount. Many thanks for your support for this event!

The Friends

We are very appreciative of the fund raising events held by The Friends which serve to maintain a high level of curriculum enrichment at Maple. Events such as the visiting farm and the Lego workshop would not be possible without contributions and fund raising by you all. Every little bit makes a real difference to our community!

The London Marathon

Robert Symmons, husband of Learning Support Assistant, Mrs Pauline Symmons recently ran The London Marathon in 5 hrs and 2 minutes! Robert managed to raise over £3,000 for the NSPCC and, I'm pleased to say that the staff of Maple raised an amount of £79.10 for Robert. Robert, a previous Chair of Governors here, is to be congratulated!

We are all looking forward to the Quiz Night next week which will, no doubt, be a really enjoyable event!

Liz Robinson
Head Teacher