

MAPLE NEWS



Newsletter No. 9

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Dear Parents and Carers

Classes for September 2014

Please note the following arrangements for staffing in the next academic year:

Nursery

Mr Hide with TAs, Mrs Wiffen (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday), Miss Tychoniuk and HLTA, Mrs Smith (Thursday/Friday),

Reception

Laurel Class - Mrs Brackenbury (Monday/Tuesday), Mrs Ashwell (Wednesday/Thursday/Friday) with TA (new appointment)

Chestnut Class - Miss Drake with TA, Miss Schneegas

Hazel Class - Miss Garcia with TA, Mrs Murtaza

Year 1

Chestnut Class will move to Silver Birch Class - Mrs M Maclean with TA, Mrs Limalia

Laurel Class will move to Copper Beech Class - Mrs Orchard (Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday), Miss Funnell (Thursday/Friday) with TA, Mrs Mumford

Year 2

Hazel Class will move to Oak Class - Mrs Stevenson (Monday Tuesday, Wednesday), Mrs Gowers (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) with TA, Mrs Begum

Silver Birch Class will move to Rowan Class - Miss Billingham with TA, Mrs Mischke

Copper Beech Class will move to Cedar Class - Mr Wells with TA, Miss Darby

Learning Support Assistants, Mrs N Maclean, Mrs Symmons, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Sykes and Mrs Boi will be supporting individual pupils, as required. Mrs Smith will supervise classes across the year groups, as timetabled.

Update RE: The Proposed Expansion of Maple and SASM

Please note the following update from Chair of Governors, Geoff Hilliard:

'I wrote to you on 12th May to give you an update on the proposed expansion of SASM and Maple Infants'. The formal planning application for the SASM expansion block has now been posted on the Kingston Council website and the details are as follows:

Application number 14/16338

Closing date for comments: Friday 4th July

I would urge you to look at the application and send any comments you may have via the Council website (and it would also be helpful to send a copy of your comments to the school office). All comments, either for or against the proposal are valuable'.

New Website

This year, governor, Gee-Kay Wong has been working alongside our website working party to update the school website and create a more user-friendly up to date site. I am pleased to signpost you all to the new site that will be launched next term. Please take a look at the preview of the new Maple Infants' School website for 2014-15 via the current website www.mapleinfants.co.uk. Links appear on every page of the current website not just on the homepage. Please

have a look, if you have a moment. Governors and staff will be pleased to receive any feedback from you about the new website whilst it is being developed and we welcome your opinions and suggestions so please use the comments page, beneath the link to the new website, to give us your views.

Charity Cake Sale

On 23rd May a few mums from SASM organised a cake sale to help flood victims in Bosnia, Hercegovina, Croatia and Serbia. £180 was made from the sale and with the gift aid the total was raised to a further £225.25, and the donation was forwarded to the British Red Cross. The parents concerned, Ljilja, Zorana and Senka would like to thank all parents who helped raise the money and Maple for agreeing for the school premises to be used for this reason.

Recent Events

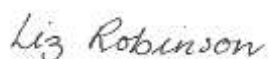
All the year groups have now been on their school trips with the Nursery going to Bockett's Farm, The Receptions to the Wetlands Centre, Year 1 to The Lookout Discovery Centre and Year 2 to go to Chessington Zoo on Thursday 3rd July. The children have really enjoyed their gymnastics and tennis sessions this term and, also, the variety of activities brought into school to enrich the curriculum. These range from our Mind, Body & Soul Week, Flamenco and Bollywood workshops, Perform 4 Schools drama workshops and the Fun & Games morning. I was privileged to attend Richmond Theatre for the AfC (Achieving for Children) children's launch on 2nd June and Year 2 pupil, Polina Matyusheva (Rowan) played her violin beautifully, representing Maple Infants' School. I was, also, delighted to attend the 'Come Fly with Me Dance Show', produced by Debby Tomlinson with links with the YMCA. The show took place at The Kingston Grammar Theatre over the weekend beginning 14th June to packed houses. It was a wonderful community event and both children and parents performed beautifully and very professionally! We are now looking forward to The Infant Music Festival on Tuesday 1st July at The Rose Theatre and the Kingston Country Dancing event, both will be attended by representation from Year 2.

Parent Consultation Meetings

I hope everyone has signed up now for the final Parent Consultation Meetings of the school year. **School will be closing early on Tuesday 1st July and Wednesday 2nd July at 2pm and children should be picked up promptly to allow staff to prepare for their meetings.**

School may be drawing close to the end of term but there are many things to be done before the end of term. Transition preparation and communications are very much to the fore just now with links with SASM, visits, joint playtimes and invitations to events all playing a part in preparing our Year 2 children for their move to Year 3. Meanwhile our new children are coming to 'stay and play' sessions and our Reception and Year 1 children are preparing to move to their new classes but, before that happens, there are still further events to be enjoyed and things to achieve. We have been hosting three students from the USA recently and I have had very positive feedback from them about the Maple provision. So it's business as usual until the last day!

Yours sincerely



*Liz Robinson
Head Teacher*

DATES FOR THE DIARY!

- 27.06.14 Nursery End of Year Reports sent out
- 30.06.14 Main school End of Year Reports sent out
- 30.06.14 Nursery Parent Consultations (extra)
- 01.07.14 Parent Consultations 3PM - 6PM
- 02.07.14 Parent Consultations 3.30PM - 6.30PM
- 02.07.14 Nursery Teddy Bears' Picnic (Balaclava Park)
- 11.07.14 Family BBQ with SASM
- 14.07.14 Year 2 Leavers' Concert
- 17.07.14 Nursery Concert 3PM
- 18.07.14 Nursery Concert 11.15AM
- 21.07.14 Story Swap - children to meet their new teachers
- 22.07.14 **LAST DAY SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2PM**
- 23.07.14 **SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING**