



Maple Infants' School

February 2019

Newsletter No. 4

Diary Dates:

SPRING TERM DATES:

SPRING TERM 1:

Monday 7th Jan (INSET) –
Friday 15th Feb

SPRING TERM 2:

Monday 25th Feb –
Friday 5th April

HALF TERM:

Monday 18th – Friday
22nd February

SUMMER TERM DATES:

SUMMER TERM 1:

Tuesday 23rd April –
Friday 24th May

SUMMER TERM 2:

Monday 3rd June –
Tuesday 23rd July
(Monday 22nd and
Tuesday 23rd July are
INSET days)

HALF TERM:

Monday 27th – Friday
31st May

INSET DAYS:

(school closed for pupils)

Monday 22nd July 2019

Tuesday 23rd July 2019



Nursery have really enjoyed looking for the signs of winter over the last term and the little fluttering of snow we received was very exciting! They have also been thinking about all of the birds that visit our gardens and parks looking for food and we know that their bird feeders will really help to keep the birds fed over the next few weeks – well done Nursery! Years Reception, One and Two have really enjoyed celebrating the end of their half termly topics this week. On Tuesday we went back in time with Year 2 as they celebrated the Stylish Sixties and all of the children came dressed in fashion from the 1960s. They also celebrated how much they have learnt by challenging their parents to a 1960s quiz. We were very impressed with everyone's knowledge and the results were very close, but the children were delighted to win the quiz by just a few points – well done everyone and thank you to all of our families who joined in with the fun! Later on in the week, the school was filled with 'Superheroes' from Year 1 as they celebrated the end of their topic. We had superhero capes flying in all directions throughout the school making sure that everyone was safe. Reception took a look inside one of our favourite books and went to The Rose Theatre to see 'Zog'. I was lucky enough to have been invited to join them on their trip into Kingston. We were all very proud of how well behaved the children were and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the show – well done Reception and thank you to all of our parent volunteers – without your support we would not be able to take the children on these exciting events.

Mrs. Barwell

Parent Consultation Evening - SPRING TERM

Our spring term parent consultation evenings will be taking place after half term. The dates are as follows:

For Nursery Classes

- **Wednesday 27th February 1.00 – 6.20pm**
- **Thursday 28th February 1.00 – 6.20pm**

For all classes EXCEPT HAZEL class:

- **Wednesday 27th February 3.40 – 6.20pm**
- **Thursday 28th February 3.40 – 6.20pm**

For families who have children in Hazel class, your dates are slightly different:

- **Tuesday 26th February 3.40 – 6.20pm**
- **Thursday 28th February 3.40 – 6.20pm**

You should have received a letter explaining how to book your appointment via ParentMail. This booking system went live at 6pm on Thursday 14th February to enable working and non-working parents' equal opportunity to access the system and book their own appointments. Please speak to the office if you are having any difficulties in booking an appointment.

Keeping Children Safe at Maple

We talk to the children regularly about the importance of staying safe and how they can make sure that they stay safe both in school and also when at home. As part of our commitment to ensure that safety is a high priority we have held a number of events in addition to our usual discussions.

NSPCC Assembly

Representatives from the NSPCC visited school on Tuesday 22nd January and shared their 'Speak out. Stay safe' assembly with the children in KS1. The children were introduced to the NSPCC mascot 'Buddy' during the assembly and they were introduced to children's rights in a friendly and age appropriate way.

Children's rights:

- The right to speak out and be heard
- The right to be safe
- The right to get help when they need it

If you'd like to know more about the NSPCC's work, or take a look at the wide range of information and advice which is available for parents and carers, please visit their website nspcc.org.uk/parents

SAFER INTERNET DAY

Safer Internet Day took place on Tuesday 5th February at Maple Infants' School and classes took part in a range of activities throughout this week to promote this annual event. Our school website contains lots of information for families to support you to keep your children safe online.

Parent Workshops – thank you for attending!

Thank you to all of our families who joined us for the Phonics Workshop and the Year 2 Assessment Briefing early in the term. We received some very positive feedback regarding the content of both sessions, but also regarding the timing of the evening event which families shared supported them to attend as during the school day can sometimes be difficult.

School Parliament

Maple School Parliament have been meeting regularly throughout this half term and are making some great progress with their plans. They decided that our school needed a new year's resolution to collectively work towards and after much discussion it was decided that our resolution should be;

To work together to make sure that our playground is safe, clean and tidy.

They have planned a number of ways to make sure that we can achieve our resolution including adding some posters to our playground to remind everyone of our rules. They are really excited to let everyone know that they will be launching a poster competition next term for everyone to take part in. The challenge will be to design an eye catching poster which reminds everyone about one of our rules. The School Parliament will send out more information about their competition after the half term break.



During the children's discussions, the School Parliament found out that the children LOVE having lots of resources to play with at playtimes. This helps the children to learn to co-operate and share as well as helps them to have fun. The School Parliament wrote to The Friends of Maple Infants' School asking them to buy some new resources for playtime and they are really delighted that The Friends have agreed to fund this. All of the children send a big thank you to The Friends of Maple Infants' School!

School Meals – ISS Catering

Could we please remind all families who currently order hot meals from ISS to remember to check that a meal has been ordered for your child/children at the beginning of each week and particularly at the beginning of a half or full term. Unfortunately the school has no way of alerting you if a school meal has not been ordered for your child until that lunchtime. The catering company only provide meals for the exact number of children who have pre-ordered meals.

Dates for your Diary:



WORLD BOOK DAY – Thursday 7th March

This year at Maple we will be celebrating **World Book Day** on **Thursday 7th March** and would like to invite the children to come dressed to school as their favourite book character. The children will also all be receiving a book token as part of World Book Day and we will be joining up with The Friends of Maple Infants' to take part in a fund raising activity which will also promote reading within our community. Further information will follow shortly.



Multi-Cultural Week – Friday 23rd March

We will be learning about, sharing and celebrating cultures from all over the world throughout this week. To celebrate the end of the week we will be inviting the children to come to school dressed in clothes that represent either their own or a different cultural background on Friday 23rd March. This day also corresponds to the Friends Multi-Cultural Food Festival which will take place after school. More information to follow.

We would like to wish all of our families a lovely half term break and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 25th February.

