



Maple Infants' School

February 2018

Newsletter No. 4

Diary Dates:

MATHS WEEK: Mon
5th – Fri 9th Feb

WORLD BOOK DAY –
1st March – Children
to come to school
dressed in school
uniform

**LITERACY AND FILM
WEEK:** Monday 5th –
Friday 9th March
Children to come
dressed in a
character from a
film or book on
Friday 9th March

**MULTI-CULTURAL
DAY:** Friday 23rd
March

NEXT INSET DAY:

Friday 25th May 2018

SPRING TERM 2018 DATES:

SPRING TERM 1:
Wednesday 3rd January
–
Friday 9th February

SPRING TERM 2:
Monday 19th February-
Thursday 29th March

HALF TERM:
Monday 12th – Friday
16th February

INSET DAYS:

(school closed for
pupils)

Friday 25th May 2018
Friday 20th July 2018

Together we learn and grow

The children across the school have really enjoyed taking their learning out and about over the last half term. Nursery have been exploring the sounds we hear around us in school and Reception took a trip to the park where they enjoyed creating natural sculptures and practised measuring in non-standard units. On Thursday 1st February Year 1 were scientific explorers as they visited The Lookout Discovery Centre in Bracknell and on the 31st January the story of The Snow Queen came alive for Year 2 when they visited the Polka Theatre. Taking part in all of these exciting learning experiences within school and off site has really helped to bring the curriculum alive and enabled them to experience 'real' learning.

Mrs. Barwell

Staffing

We are delighted to be able to welcome Cara Hudnott to the Maple team who joins us as a School Meals Supervisory Assistant.

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS FROM AFC

Information Website for parents, carers and young people

Achieving for Children has launched a new website which contains information for the recipients and customers of our services in Kingston and Richmond. AfC info currently contains information and advice on the following:

- Early Years and childcare
- Family Information Service
- Parenting support
- Children's centres
- Leisure activities for families and children
- Emotional Health Service
- Education and employment advice for young people
- Leisure activities for young people
- Advice and support for young people on health and social issues
- Volunteering and participation activities for young people
- SEND Local Offer for families including children and young people with disabilities

More subjects may be added as the website grows.

Kingston Schools - Parent survey on children's dental health OPEN UNTIL 9TH FEB

Please will parents and carers complete the Oral Health Questionnaire:

<https://www.kingstonconversations.co.uk/childrens-dental-JSNA>

OPEN SESSIONS – COME AND JOIN US

Hopefully all of our families have received an invitation to join the children and see learning in action during this term and the summer term. We really hope that you are able to join us and observe the children's excellent attitude to learning. We have planned our school day during open sessions to support additional numbers of adults within school, however may we please kindly request that you leave promptly at the allocated time so that this does not disrupt our playtimes and the rest of the morning session. Many thanks for your support - we really look forward to welcoming you.

Donations to Charities

Thank to everyone who joined in the fun and supported Save the Children on our Christmas Jumper Day. It was wonderful to see so many festive jumpers in school and

both children, staff and families joined in the fun and together we raised £203.95.

THANK YOU!

School Parliament

Our members of the School Parliament have met and have discussed our school priorities and they have decided that they would like to focus on supporting the school to improve our outdoor provision at playtime. They are currently working with their classes to think about our playground now and what it might look like in the future. We look forward to sharing their shared ideas with you soon.

Dates for your diary...

PARENT CONSULTATION EVENINGS – SPRING TERM

- **Wednesday 21st February 3.45 – 6.45pm**
- **Thursday 22nd February 3.45 – 6.45pm**
- **Extra session for Nursery families on the morning of Friday 23rd February**

You should be able to book your appointment through Parentmail. Please speak to the office if you are having any difficulties in booking an appointment.

Medical Appointments

May we please remind families to inform the school office in advance if their child has a medical appointment to attend during school hours. We also request to see a copy of the appointment letter to help us to ensure that we authorise the correct time period and ensure that we use the correct absence code. Many thanks in advance for your understanding.

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.

Enrichment Events – current and events to look forward to



Maths Week

Monday 5th – Friday 9th February

Mr Wells is leading an exciting week of mathematical exploration at Maple Infants' School during this week. Please do ask your children what they have been learning throughout the week and we hope that the children enjoy taking part in our local quiz which has been organised by Mr Wells.

WORLD BOOK DAY – 1st March

Each child will be receiving a book token as part of World Book Day which is on 1st March. Please note however that we will **NOT** be dressing up on this day. Instead we will be inviting the children to dress up as a character from a book or a film as a celebration of our Literacy and Film Week on **Friday 9th March** – further information will follow from Ms Majurey shortly.



Literacy and Film Week Monday 5th – Friday 9th March

We will be celebrating as part of our Literacy and Film Week – further information will follow from Ms Majurey shortly. Dress up as a film or book character on Friday 9th March



Multi-Cultural Day – Friday 23rd March

We will be learning about, sharing and celebrating cultures from all over the world. We would like to invite the children to come to school dressed in clothes that represent either their own or a different cultural background on this day.

Staying Safe

SAFER INTERNET DAY Tuesday 6th February

We will be promoting Safer Internet Day in school during the week beginning Monday 5th February. We have added lots of information to our school website to support our families with how to keep their children safe online.

If you would like to discuss your concerns or receive any further advice regarding e-safety then please contact either Miss Craik (E-Safety lead), Miss Funnell (Designated Safeguarding Lead) or Mrs Barwell via the school office.

PARENT WORKSHOPS

Thank you to all of our Year 2 families who joined us for our Year 2 Assessment Briefing this half term. We received some very positive feedback and we are really pleased that families found the workshop informative and useful.

FORTHCOMING WORKSHOPS

Phonics Workshop

There will be a phonics workshop for parents who are interested in finding out more about how we teach phonics at Maple. This will be held in the school hall at **9.15am** on **Tuesday 27th February 2018** and will be repeated at **2.15pm** on the same day. We are expecting the workshop to last for about 1 hour. We look forward to welcoming you to this event.

HALF TERM

Just a reminder that next week is half term (Monday 12th – Friday 16th February). We hope that all of our children and their families have a lovely half term break and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 19th February.