



# Maple Infants' School

May 2022

Newsletter No. 8

## Diary Dates:

### 2022

#### SUMMER TERM DATES:

##### **SUMMER TERM 1:**

Tues 19<sup>th</sup> April – Fri 27<sup>th</sup> May

##### **SUMMER TERM 2:**

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> June – Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> July  
(Mon 6<sup>th</sup> June & Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> July are INSET days)

##### **Autumn Term 1**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October

Inset: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September

In response to our parent survey about our communication, may we draw parents' attention to the 'dates for your diary' section, which has always been available at the end of each Newsletter. Some parents indicated that future events are not always clear and so this section of the newsletter highlights some upcoming key events – we hope that this is helpful.



We are delighted to be joining in with our neighbours and adding to our community decorations to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. I am sure that you will agree that the front of the school looks amazing – we had so many lovely comments from everyone as they have been walking by. We are also planning to add some decorations to the playground too, so please look out for these.

As part of the National Curriculum, the children learn about significant historical events, people and places and over the next few weeks, the children will be living a momentous historical event and so it is wonderful for us to be able to celebrate this in school. We know that many of you will also be holding your own celebrations or watching events unfold at home over the extended bank holiday so it is important for us to help the children to understand why this event is so important and significant for our country and why it is being celebrated. We hope that the children's learning in school will help to aid your conversations at home. On Friday, the whole day is being dedicated to key objectives which the children will be learning about across the school and the day will end with our very own 'Street Party' in the playground.

Mrs. Barwell



## **Vacancy for Co-opted Governors**

I am writing to advise you that our Governing Body currently has vacancies for co-opted governors.

Co-opted governors are appointed by the governing body based on skills and experience. The governing body is currently looking for people with particular experience in one or more of the following areas

### **Finance/Safeguarding/Health & Safety/Education/SEND**

The school's governing body is responsible for providing confident and strategic leadership, and creating robust accountability, oversight and assurance for the school's educational and financial performance. Our governing body is committed to supporting continuous school improvement to ensure the best possible outcomes for our pupils. Please see the governor's section of the school website for more details.

If you would like to speak to someone about joining the governing body or receive more information please email our or Clerk to Governors [jtaussig1.314@mapleinfants.co.uk](mailto:jtaussig1.314@mapleinfants.co.uk)

## **After School Club Provision**

Despite continuing to advertise for staff to manage our planned After School Club provision, we have still been unable to recruit anyone for this position. We are really keen to get our After School Club ready to be launched in September, however we need the staff to be able to successfully run the club. We currently have the position advertised on the E-Teach website – if any parents themselves may be interested in the position or you

know anyone else who may wish to apply, we would welcome their applications. Please see the e-teach website to see our advert and directions for how to apply.

<https://www.eteach.com/jobs/After%20School%20club%20manager/surbiton-uk/?oo=kw-ic&pf=51.39401,-0.3026620000000&dis=1&filter=true>

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### **Water Heater and School Meals Update**

We are delighted to be able to inform our families that the water heater which we share with SASM, has now been replaced. This therefore means that there should be no more disruption to our school meals. Thank you for your understanding whilst this work took place.

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### **ONLINE SAFETY: Parent Workshop**

In an increasingly technological driven world, keeping ourselves safe online is of upmost importance for both adults and children. E-safety is part of our computing curriculum and safeguarding responsibilities, where we teach children ways to stay safe in an age appropriate way. As part of our commitment to work with you in partnership to support your children to be safe online, we are delighted to invite all parents and carers to join us for an **e-safety workshop at 6.30pm on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June**. This will be led by Peter Cowley, our local Lead Adviser for Online Services & Safety, via google meet so that parents and carers can join from home (please note that the content of this workshop is designed for adults, not children, so please ensure that your camera and speakers are only accessed by yourself). Peter has led workshops for staff and parents in the past and is a very engaging and knowledgeable speaker – he will share current topical issues as well as practical ways to stay safe online as a family. The link to join this meeting will be shared with you after half term – there is no need to book, you'll be able to just simply click on the link to join!

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### **Response to Parent Survey: Communication focus**

Many thanks to all of our families who responded to our parent survey about communication (44% of our parent community responded). Your feedback has been very useful and we are reviewing any possible actions in preparation for the new academic year.

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### **Attendance**

At Maple Infants' School, we always strive for excellent attendance from all of our pupils as we know that children need to attend school regularly to benefit from their education. Poor school attendance leaves pupils vulnerable to falling behind and children with poor attendance often achieve less in school. The Head Teacher and Education Welfare Officer regularly monitor children's attendance and pupil attendance at Maple has always been positive in the past. We have noticed however, that we are receiving a significant increase in the number of absence requests being made by families. We would therefore like to remind families of our attendance policy and have attached some updated information to this newsletter for your attention. Whilst we really understand the challenge that the recent pandemic has given to many families please be aware that only absence for **exceptional circumstances** will be authorised.

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### **School Parliament Competition Winners**

Thank you to everyone who entered the School Parliament poster competition. ALL of the entries were AMAZING! The School Parliament were really excited to judge the competition and had a challenging job choosing the winners, but they would like to particularly congratulate the following children for their wonderful posters.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS!

#### **Reception**

Sienna  
Lara  
Mabel

#### **Year 1**

Qi-Rey  
Esha  
Marnie

#### **Year 2**

Milly  
Camellia  
Fozan



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### **SUPERBLOOM PROJECT Historical Royal Palaces**

Reception and KS1 are monitoring the Super Bloom planting in the playground and have noticed how much it has grown! Nursery are going to having their own mini Super bloom project to take home as part of the Jubilee celebrations when they plant sunflowers tomorrow.

You can keep up with the Super Bloom at the Tower of London on their website <https://www.hrp.org.uk/tower-of-london/whats-on/superbloom-at-the-tower-of-london/#gs.1daij1>

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## **Dates for your Diary:**

Please be aware that if you have not received information about any of the trips, it will be sent early next half term.

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May: Jubilee Day** – we will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on this day in school. The children are invited to come to school on this day wearing red, white and blue.

**7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> June: Phonics Screening Check week** (ALL Year 1 children and Year 2 children who need to re-sit the check)

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June: local artist visiting Year 1 children**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June AM: Sports Day (Reception – Year 2).** We will be hosting our annual Sports Day on this day at Victoria Park. Parents will be invited to join us for this special event.

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June: 6.30pm ONLINE SAFETY PARENT WORKSHOP.** Peter Cowley, our local Lead Adviser for Online Services & Safety, will be running this workshop for parents and carers via google meet. The link to join this meeting will be shared with you after half term

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June AM: RESERVE DAY FOR SPORTS DAY (Reception – Year 2).** – should for any reason, our Sports day on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June have to be postponed, we have scheduled this day as our reserve date.

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June: Year 2 Swimming Gala** (10 children invited will be confirmed shortly)

**July: Annual School Reports (ALL year groups).** All parents will receive a written report in the Summer Term which will highlight the progress which your child/children have made throughout the year. Should you wish to discuss your child's report with their class teacher, you will be able to arrange a meeting with them following receipt of your child's report.

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July: Reception end of year picnic**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July: Year 1 to Hampton Court Palace**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July: Nursery Celebration Picnic**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July: Celebration of Achievement Evening ALL year groups (5.00 – 6.15pm)**

We would like to invite children and their families back to school on this evening to visit their classes and their current class teacher to share and celebrate the children's hard work and success throughout the year. Children who are remaining at Maple next year will also have an opportunity to visit their new classroom. We look forward to welcoming you to this event and celebrating your child's success throughout this year.

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July: Reception classes to Godstone Farm**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July: Year 2 to Littlehampton**

We hope that everyone has a lovely half term  
break next week!

We look forward to seeing all of the children  
back in school on

**TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

(Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June is an INSET day)