



Maple Infants' School

November 2021

Newsletter No. 3

Diary Dates:

INSET DAYS:

(school closed for pupils)

Fri 22nd Oct 2021
Tues 4th Jan 2022
Mon 6th June 2022
Fri 22nd July 2022

AUTUMN TERM DATES:

AUTUMN TERM 1:

Wednesday 1st
September – Friday
22nd October

AUTUMN TERM 2:

Monday 1st
November – Thursday
16th December

HALF TERM:

Monday 25th – Friday
29th October

SPRING TERM DATES:

SPRING TERM 1:

Tues 4th Jan – Fri 11th
Feb

SPRING TERM 2:

Mon 21st Feb – Fri 1st
April

HALF TERM:

Mon 14th – Fri 18th
February

SUMMER TERM DATES:

SUMMER TERM 1:

Tues 19th April – Fri 27th
May

SUMMER TERM 2:

Mon 6th June – Fri
22nd July (Mon 6th
June & Fri 22nd July
are INSET days)

HALF TERM:

Mon 30th May – Fri 3rd
June



We hope that all of our families welcomed the opportunity to meet with their child's teacher to discuss how their child has settled since September during our parents evening at the beginning of this half term. We ideally would have welcomed the opportunity to meet face to face, however with the recent number of positive COVID cases within our community, we hope that the decision for this to be carried out remotely this term, will have helped to keep transmission as low as possible. As always, the safety of our school community is always a priority, however we very much hope to be able to carry out our spring term parents evening face to face. I would also like to thank all of our families for your continued understanding and support whilst we have additional protective measures in place to support our school community, at the direction of Public Health. I have been relieved to hear that members of our community are recovering from this nasty virus and having recently been unwell myself with COVID I understand how worrying it can be to receive a positive test result. Everyone's support and swift action will certainly have helped to reduce the transmission within school - we will of course keep you informed of any further information as necessary.

This is always a very exciting time of the year and we look forward to celebrating the festive season with the children in school as we move closer towards December. You will find dates below regarding some of the events planned and more information will follow on the weekly overviews you receive on a Friday.

Mrs. Barwell

Governor's corner

Good news! The School Voluntary Fund – and thank you to all those who contribute – has been able to provide six interactive white boards for classrooms at Maple (see photo). This was the first use of the SVF since its formation.

While the school receives financing via the local authority, Maple like all schools in England, is facing significant government funding cuts. Any additional funding to support resources and provision for pupils is all the more important. The money raised by the SVF is used to enhance our children's' education by contributing to, for example, the improvement of recreational and teaching facilities.

A donation of just £5 a month would go a long way to helping. These payments can be made through +Pay or standing order. You can also contribute to the SVF by naming it as your chosen charity by using Amazon Smile. Amazon contributes to the fund at no extra cost every time you make a purchase.



New governors

The board of governors will be welcoming two new parent governors at its December meeting. Details of the new governors, as well as all of the board, will soon be available on the school website. This page explains what the board of governors does. Anyone interested in learning more about the governing board and how to become involved in its work should contact me directly.

Margie Lindsay

Chair of Governors

Odd Socks Day

It was lovely to see all of the 'odd sock' combinations the children were wearing on 'Odd Socks Day'. Wearing odd socks gave us the opportunity to talk with the children about how we are all different and how wonderful it is to celebrate our differences. The children have been thinking about how we can make a big difference to how other people feel by using kind words. We also realised that being kind made us feel good too and creates a positive feeling all around us.

Mrs Gowers PSHE Lead



Private Fostering – Are you looking after someone else's child?

If you are looking after someone else's child (under the age of 16, or under 18 if disabled) you may be a private foster carer. Private fostering is an arrangement between a parent and a carer. This arrangement does not involve the council and the child is not in care. A private foster carer is someone who isn't a parent or a close relative (step parents, grandparent, sister or brother, aunt or uncle.) A carer could be from extended family, a family friend or someone unknown to the child. **Please let Miss Funnell know if you feel that you may be privately fostering a child or would like to discuss this further.**

Staffing Updates

We are looking forward to welcoming Miss Jennie Mason to our school in January as our new Key Stage 1 Leader following a successful recruitment process. Miss Mason is a very experienced teacher and Key Stage 1 Leader, who is looking forward to getting to know our school community.



We are sadly saying goodbye to Mrs Brookes and Miss Corfield at the end of this term as they take up new exciting teaching positions in other schools. We thank them wholeheartedly for their contribution to Maple, not only in their own classes but also to the wider school community. The recruitment process for new teachers in Oak and Silver Birch class is well under way and we will update you with further details by the end of the term. We wish Mrs Brookes and Miss Corfield our very best wishes in their new positions!

We also want to say congratulations to Miss Dowd on her recent marriage. Miss Dowd will be changing her name to Mrs Banks for the start of the Spring Term.

Premises Update

We have some planned works starting on site from the 6th December, which will continue until the end of term. All the exterior doors to the classrooms in the older parts of our building, school hall, front entrance and nursery are being replaced in order to improve our security and modernise the existing doors. On Monday 29th November, we are expecting the delivery of a welfare unit in the playground for the contractors to use whilst they are on site. Heras fencing will be in place to keep this separate and secure from the children, and whilst this will take up a small amount of playground space, the children will be able to continue to use the playground under the close supervision of the staff for the duration of the works.



Y2 Football Tournament

We were incredibly excited to be invited to the Year 2 football festival earlier this month. Miss Wright and Mrs Walker were able to take eight members of Year 2 to take part in this 5-a-side football tournament.



Our children really enjoyed competing in 6 different matches, in which they were able to practice their passing, tackling, shooting and goal keeping skills. We are very proud of the children from Maple Infants' for their fantastic attitude, effort, sportsmanship and of course, the goals they scored!

We know they had a great time and got very muddy! We would like to thank Surbiton High School for organising this event and ensuring we can celebrate and play sport in our wider community after not being able to do so over the last two years.

We look forward to competing in many more events in the future!

Dates for your Diary:

#UniteTheUniforms

Friday 3rd December - Maple Infants' are participating in a national fundraising event in support of the emergency services. Children can wear dressing up outfits of the emergency services or clothes in the colour of these (red, blue, green or orange) in return for a £1 donation towards the 999 Centotaph appeal. This appeal is to raise funds for the UK's first monument to honour everybody who has served in the NHS and emergency services. You can find more information about this on the poster at the bottom of this newsletter.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY (Save the Children)

Friday 10th December – Everyone is invited to come to school dressed in a Christmas jumper (or an alternative top if they would rather not wear a Christmas jumper). Any donations received will be sent to Save the Children – their suggested donation is £2, which school staff will be ready to collect at the door at drop off, but any donation, no matter how big or small would be most welcome. Many thanks in advance for your kindness.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH & CLASS PARTY DAY



Tuesday 14th December – You can sign up in advance for your child to have a free Christmas lunch via your ParentPay login. If you need any assistance with how to sign up for this, please speak to the school office. To get us in the festive spirit your child is welcome to come to school on this day dressed in party clothes (please make sure that these are suitable for school with regards to enclosed footwear, clothing they can manage themselves for using the toilet and they will still need a coat for outside play!) Each class will be having a party during the school day!

END OF TERM

Wednesday 15th December – This is the last afternoon Nursery session before the festive break (morning Nursery last day is on Thursday 16th)



Thursday 16th December – Last day of the autumn term. The morning Nursery session ends at the usual time of 11.30am and **Reception, Year 1 & 2 need to be collected at 12noon** please. The Friends of Maple would like to invite all children to wear their own clothes to school on this day in return of a £1 donation towards their school fundraising efforts – thank you.

SPRING TERM 2022



The spring term will begin on Tuesday 4th January, however this is an INSET day and so we will be welcoming the children back on **Wednesday 5th January 2022**.

Spring 2022 dates – The Friends of Maple will be kindly paying for each year group to have a visiting theatre group in the spring term, on a theme that matches their learning in school. Thank you!

The Friends are also organising a Spring Fair in place of this year's Christmas Fair and more information will be forthcoming in the new year.

HANDY PRINT AND KEEP ON YOUR FRIDGE LIST OF DATES FOR THE END OF TERM!



Friday 3rd December	Wear emergency services dressing up or red, blue, green or orange clothes in return for a suggested charitable donation of £1
Friday 10th December	Wear a Christmas Jumper with your school uniform for a suggested charitable donation of £2
Tuesday 14th December	School Christmas lunch and class party day – wear party clothes to school
Wednesday 15th December	Last <u>afternoon</u> Nursery session – usual times
Thursday 16th December	Last <u>morning</u> Nursery session – usual times Last day of term for Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 – <u>please pick up at 12noon</u> Wear own clothes in return for a donation to The Friends of Maple
Wednesday 5th January	Back to school for all year groups!



Donate to the 999 Cenotaph:
Text 'Hero 1' to 70500 to donate £1.

If you would like to donate more than £1,
you can do so by visiting www.999Cenotaph.org.uk

Terms and conditions for donating can be found at www.999Cenotaph.org.uk/donationpolicy.
Over 16s only. Please ensure you have the billpayer's permission before donating.



#UniteTheUniforms
for the @999Cenotaph



On **Friday 3rd December 2021**, we are asking you to wear red, blue, green or orange clothing (the colours of the emergency services) and **donate £1** towards the 999 Cenotaph.

The 999 Cenotaph will be the UK's first monument to honour everybody who has served in the NHS and emergency services.

This is a one-off campaign, for a once in a lifetime monument to our 999 and NHS heroes.



About the Emergency Services Cenotaph

- We are raising at least **£3.2 million** to build the UK's first 999 Cenotaph dedicated to everybody who has served in the NHS and emergency services.
- Almost **2 million people** (including 250,000 first responders) serve in the emergency services today.
- The 999 Cenotaph will stand for 1,000 years on Whitehall, London. It will be 21ft tall.
- The design includes 6 figures representing the different emergency services, plus a dog to represent service animals.
- The 999 Cenotaph is proudly supported by **HRH Prince William, Duke of Cambridge**.

Follow us on social media @999Cenotaph and encourage your friends and family to donate £1.

Our 999 heroes have been there for us, let's be there for them.



@999Cenotaph