



Maple Infants' School

Oct 2022

Newsletter No. 2

Diary Dates:

2022 AUTUMN TERM DATES:

Autumn Term 1:

Thurs 1st Sept – Fri 21st Oct

INSET DAYS:

Thurs 1st Sept
Fri 21st Oct

Half term:

Mon 24th – Fri 28th Oct

Autumn Term 2:

Mon 31st Oct – Fri 16th Dec

Winter break:

Mon 19th Dec – Mon 2nd Jan 2023

Spring Term 1 (2023):

Tues 3rd Jan – Fri 10th Feb 2023

INSET DAY:

Tues 3rd Jan

Half Term: Mon 13th – Fri 17th Feb 2023

Spring Term 2:

Mon 20th Feb – Fri 31st Mar

Spring break:

Mon 3rd Apr – Fri 14th Apr

Summer Term 1:

Mon 17th Apr – Fri 26th May

Half term: Mon 29th May – Fri 2nd June



This month's newsletter shows just what a busy first half term it has been! As well as all of the learning which has been taking place in school, the children have thoroughly enjoyed welcoming families into their classes to share their harvest celebrations with you. Thank you to all of the families who have joined us. We have also been overwhelmed with your kind donations for the Kingston Food Bank, which will be delivered shortly to help people in our local community.

Many thanks also to all of the parents who were able to join The Friends of Maple Infants' School at their AGM this month. We are very much looking forward to supporting the new team as they start to plan and prepare for events in the year ahead. The school would like to thank the previous team who continued to raise money for the school, wherever possible, despite a few very challenging years.

Wishing all of our children and their families a lovely half term break.

'Together we learn and grow'

Mrs Barwell

Baseline Assessment – Reception Children

All Reception children have now completed the national baseline assessment with their class teacher.

The children have taken part in a series of short activities to assess their communication, literacy and language skills and mathematics. The outcomes of these baseline tests are not shared with practitioners so the EYFS team continue to complete their own observations to inform their assessment of your child's starting point as they started school.

Mrs Banks
Early Years Leader

Y2 After School Football Club



The Y2 football club has been going really well these last few weeks. All the players are so eager! This has been great to see and every child seems to attend every session!

We have been practising our ball control skills and improving our passing abilities. We finish each session with a short match, which all the children enjoy very much. It is a lovely way to finish the week, for the children and for me.

Mr Hide
Class Teacher

Summer Term 2:
Mon 5th Jun – Fri 21st
Jul

INSET DAYS:
Mon 5th June
Fri 21st July

Y1 Autumn Observations

We enjoyed using our science skills to observe the season autumn, describing changes in the weather and the plants in our school playground. We also carefully measured and recorded the temperature using thermometers and made predictions about how the weather and temperature will change in winter. Thank you for supporting your children when collecting autumn treasures on your local walks, the children enjoyed exploring the colourful leaves and different seeds.

Miss Mason
Key Stage 1 Lead



Communication and Language Workshop

Thank you to all of the Nursery and Reception families who attended the 'Communication and Language' workshop on Friday 15th October.

If you were unable to attend the workshop please have a look at the PowerPoint that has been sent to families as this will give you further information to support your child at home. Communication and language remains the most important focus for our youngest children in the early year's foundation stage and underpins all areas of learning taught in school.

Mrs Banks
Early Years Leader



Nursery Classes

The Nursery children have settled well into Willow class and are enthusiastically participating in a variety of daily activities, both inside and out.

They are actively engaging with our topic stories over this half term, especially the Bear and Lion hunt books and have really enjoyed joining in and retelling the stories.

Miss Miller
Nursery Class Teacher

Attendance

As a school, we strive for an individual attendance of at least 97%. We understand that at this time of year children can get coughs and colds but attendance is important.

Please call the school office before 9am each day should your child not be well enough to attend school.

Planetarium Visit

The children in Year 1 enjoyed a fascinating workshop with Mr Hume in his space dome.

We learnt interesting facts about our solar system and it's sun (our closest star) and why Earth is the only planet we can live on. We learnt how we have night and day and that the Earth rotates once every day as it travels around the sun. We loved looking at the stars and planets and finding the constellations in the dark night sky.

This was a fabulous end to our topic 'Into Space' as it gave us the opportunity to see what Earth looks like from space and imagine what the astronauts we have been learning about might have seen from their spacecraft.

Miss J Mason Key stage 1 Lead



Y2 Perform Workshop

The Year 2 children took part in a fascinating workshop about the Great Fire of London.

We travelled back in time to meet Samuel Pepys and discovered how the fire started in Pudding Lane. The workshop was a wonderful opportunity for the children to develop confidence in speaking in front of an audience.

Our study of the Great Fire of London deepens the children's understanding of a key aspect of British history and helps them to recognise differences between life today and in 1666.

Miss Mason Key Stage 1 Lead

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Friends Second Hand Uniform Sale – Wednesday 2nd November

The next Friends second hand uniform sale will be held in the playground at 3:15pm on Wednesday 2nd November.

A perfect opportunity to buy spare winter uniform!

Prospective Parent Tours

Prospective parent tours will be taking place this term and next, for any parent looking to apply for a school or Nursery place for September 2023. Booking for these events are open on our website.

- Wednesday 2nd November: 6pm
- Wednesday 23rd November : 9.15 – 10.00am

Nasal Flu Vaccination – November 3rd 2022

All parent and carers have been sent, via ParentMail, information with regards to the nasal flu vaccination programme, managed by Schools Health Team, which is available to all children Reception – Y2.

Please complete the form sent to you as soon as possible to accept or decline, with all forms needed to be received by 31st October.

Should you choose to have your child receive the vaccine in school you will receive an email acknowledging that the vaccine has been given. The details of the vaccine (Name, Batch, Expiry Date) are entered onto the Schools Health Team system and information sent to your GP.

Parent Evenings - Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th November 2022

We will be offering an in person 10 minute teacher consultation with your child's class teacher via our booking system, School Cloud, for these evenings with an extra morning on Friday 11th November for Nursery parents only.

The booking system will open, for you to choose a convenient time, from 6:00pm on Monday 31st October and will close at 6:00am on Friday 4th November 2021. Whilst we appreciate childcare may be difficult, we would recommend that these events are for parents only and work best without children/siblings present at this time of year.

Whole School Individual Photos – Wednesday 9th November

Individual school photos will be taken at school by VanCols, on Wednesday 9th November. Please ensure that you child is in school uniform for this day.

Parent and carers will receive a card with a unique code in their child's book bag to be used, should you wish to purchase photos.

SAVE THE DATE:KS1 (Year 1 and 2 ONLY) MATHS MORNING, TUESDAY 22nd NOVEMBER

On Tuesday 22nd November, Miss Smith, our Maths Leader, will be holding a workshop for Parents to share with you how maths is taught at Maple and then you will have an opportunity to join your child in their class to complete some Maths learning with them. We will be looking at holding a similar event for Reception in the spring term.

Christmas Jumper Day – Save the Children- Thursday 8th 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.

Maple Christmas Fair – Saturday 10th December

The Friends of Maple Infants' School are planning on holding our Christmas Fair on Saturday 10th December. More information will follow in due course.

Christmas Lunch – Thursday 15th December

Christmas lunch will be served at school, for all children that select school meals, on Thursday 15th December 2022.