



# Maple Infants' School

October 2016

Newsletter No. 2

## Diary Dates:

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

- EB Awareness Day  
(Mufti - Show Your Seams)

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

- World Diabetes Day  
(Mufti - Onesie or blue)

**Individual photos - 23<sup>rd</sup> November**

**Flu Vaccinations in School for Year 1 & 2 children - Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November**

## Parent Consultation Evenings

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 3.45-6.45pm**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 3.45-6.45pm**



## CHRISTMAS SHOWS

**9.30am Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December Year 1 Dress Rehearsal**

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December - 9.30am & 2.15pm - Year 1 Christmas Show**

**9.30am Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December Year R Dress Rehearsal**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December - 9.30am & 2.15pm - Year R Christmas Show**

**9.30am Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December Year 2 Dress Rehearsal**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December - 9.30am & 2.15pm - Year 2 Christmas Show**



## Signs of Autumn!

September seems to have flown by really quickly and we have had lots to celebrate throughout this term already. The children have been settling well into their new year groups and have enjoyed taking on new challenges within their classrooms. Many children have been exploring our school grounds, especially on the lookout for signs of autumn. We have also seen the children really enjoying our new climbing frame. In addition to this we have celebrated the Harvest with Reception, Years 1 and 2 at St. Andrews and St. Marks Church on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October. The children's delightful singing really filled the church and it was wonderful to be able to celebrate with lots of our families. Thank you to all of our families who were able to join us for this celebration and also to Revd. Robert Stanier and everyone at the church for their support.

Mrs. Barwell

## New Staff

We are delighted to be able to welcome Ms Kate Martin to the Maple Team. Ms Martin joins us as our new Office Manager and I am sure that all of our families will get to know Ms Martin over this next term.

## Mufti Days

We are holding 2 mufti days during this term to raise money and awareness for medical conditions which touch the lives of families within our school community.

## Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October: EB Awareness Day – Show your Seams!

Epidermolysis bullosa is a rare condition which is characterised by extremely fragile skin – even clothing labels and seams can damage the fragile skin of someone living with EB. EB Awareness week takes place in October every year. We have decided to hold a special EB Awareness day at school and would like to invite the children to wear their own clothes on this day but to wear them inside out and show their seams. They may like to wear all of their clothes inside out or just a top. The suggested donation is £1.

## Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November – World Diabetes Day

On World Diabetes Day we will be inviting the children to come to school dressed in a onesie or wearing something blue to raise awareness of diabetes. The suggested donation is £1.

## INSET DAY

May we please remind families that we have an INSET day on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October so school will be closed to pupils on this day.

## School Dinners – 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. 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.

## Uniform

We have really enjoyed the wonderful sunshine and the warm weather which we have had this summer, however as it now becomes cooler can we please remind families that children need to wear jumpers/cardigans and coats to school. The children will be learning and playing both inside and outside of their classrooms so it is really important that they have named uniform in school. We have also added tracksuit trousers to our PE kits to ensure that the children are able to access PE outside. PMG also have Maple fleeces in stock and families are able to purchase these from the Tolworth store.

## AUTUMN TERM

### DATES:

#### **AUTUMN TERM 1:**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September -  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October

#### **AUTUMN TERM 2:**

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October -  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>  
December

#### **HALF TERM:**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> - Friday  
28<sup>th</sup> October

### SPRING TERM DATES:

#### **SPRING TERM:**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January  
2017 - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

#### **HALF TERM:**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - Friday  
17<sup>th</sup> February

### SUMMER TERM DATES:

#### **SUMMER TERM:**

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April -  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July (INSET  
DAY - school finishes  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July for  
pupils)

#### **HALF TERM:**

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May -  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

#### **INSET DAYS:**

(school closed for  
pupils)

#### **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October**

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February  
2017

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017

## Cursive Handwriting

To support the development of joined handwriting this year we are teaching the children cursive handwriting in all year groups. The school has signed up to the Letter-join website to support families in helping their children at home – please see the attached for more information and the school log in. We will also be adding more information to our website for families to refer to over the next few weeks.

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### Flu Vaccination for children in Years 1 and 2

Our Community Health Care Team are offering children in Years 1 and 2 a flu vaccination through a nasal spray. A letter will be sent to families requiring parental consent either to receive the vaccination or if you would prefer your child not to receive this. Please return your forms as soon as possible to help the team to plan this event.

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### Attendance

Congratulations to Oak class who have been awarded our EDI (Every Day's Important) mascot for two weeks in a row as their attendance has been the highest across the school.

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### Parent Consultation Evenings

We will be holding our Autumn term parents evening on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November (3.45- 6.45pm). This is an opportunity for you to book a 10 minute time slot to discuss your child's progress at school with their class teacher. Unlike previous years the school will close at the normal time of 3.15pm on these evenings, but the appointments will not begin until 3.45pm. Following the success of our online appointment booking system last year we will continue to use this system to allow families to book their own appointments. We will provide additional information about this system and how to book your appointment soon.

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### Admissions

Admissions procedures have begun for school places in September 2017.

- Children born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013 are due to start primary school (Reception class) in September 2017.
- Children born between 1 September 2009 and 31 August 2010 who currently attend infant school are due to transfer to junior school in September 2017.

If you live within in the borough, you can apply for a school place online using the eAdmissions system ([www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk)). If you don't live in the borough, you need to apply through your own council and you can include Kingston schools on your application form. Kingston Primary School Admissions Brochure ([www.kingston.gov.uk/downloads/download/217/primary\\_school\\_admissions\\_booklet](http://www.kingston.gov.uk/downloads/download/217/primary_school_admissions_booklet)) guides you through the process - you should read this before making your online application. Please let the office, Miss Funnell or Mrs Barwell know if you would like any support with your application.

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### Prospective Parent Tours

We are holding a number of Prospective Parent Tours in October and November for any families who are interested in applying for a school or Nursery place for their child or children for September 2017. Places must be booked in advance via the office.

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### Reminder

May I please remind families to ensure that their children walk scooters or bicycles within our school playground. Our playground can become very busy especially during drop off and pick up times and we have many younger members of our community to look out for. Many thanks!

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### Correspondence

We have had some parental requests to send our newsletter out via email only. To gather the views of all families we will be asking parents their preference for receiving our newsletters in our annual questionnaire which will be sent to families next half term. We look forward to receiving your thoughts.

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**Half term begins Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October and we would like to wish all of our children and families a wonderful half term break when it arrives. We look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October for another exciting half term.**