



Maple Infants' School

October 2021

Newsletter No. 2

Diary Dates:

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

INSET DAYS:

(school closed for
pupils)

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

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 certainly seem to be seeing signs of autumn rapidly appearing as the term progresses. This includes a change in our weather and the children have definitely noticed this. Please do be aware that we are continuing to ensure that we keep our classrooms appropriately ventilated, so as the temperature falls please do make sure that your children are wearing layers and that they bring a coat to school as it is really important that the children are able to access our outside environment as much as possible.

I would like to thank all of our families who have provided kind donations this week for us to deliver to our local foodbank. We are sure that they will be really appreciated by our local community.

Mrs. Barwell

Parent Governor

We are looking forward to being able to update you after half term with our recent governor recruitment process.

The Friends of Maple Infants' School

The Friends of Maple Infants' School have recently held their AGM. At the AGM, the Friends voted in the new committee members. We really look forward to working creatively with them to establish any fund raising events, that can go ahead, as well as supporting the strong community which we have at Maple.

Tapestry

We are delighted to announce that our Reception and Nursery classes will be completing Learning Journals via Tapestry this term. This will be replacing the old style 'scrapbooks' of previous years. Tapestry is a popular and well-established system used by a wide variety of education settings across the UK. Using Tapestry means that photographs and observations from school will be regularly available to parents. All Foundation stage parents and carers have been contacted with login information for Tapestry and will soon be able to view observations and pictures of their children within the school.

This development will give you a lovely "window" into your child's learning experiences while they are in school and will enable you to add some additional information from home.

PARENT CONSULTATION EVENINGS – Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th November

We will be offering an on-line 10 minute teacher consultation via SchoolCloud booking system, as last year. The booking system will open for you to choose a convenient time from 6:00pm on Tuesday 2nd November and will close at 6:00am on 9th November 2021.

Maple Infants' School Website

We hold a host of useful information on our website, including prospective parent meeting for 2022 Nursery and Reception children. Please do refer to this with any questions you may have.

Nut Free School

Since many of our pupils have a nut allergy, we operate a **strict nut free policy** in the school. Please can you ensure that their snack or packed lunch **does not contain any nuts or nut products**.



IQ Cards – Christmas Fundraiser 2021 – Friends PTA

This term the Friends of Maple PTA will be participating in the Christmas fundraiser with IQ cards. The funds that are raised through your purchases will be used to benefit your school. Your child will be creating a design at school on the IQ cards which can be printed onto high quality stationery including greetings cards, postcards, gift wrap and sticky gift labels. Also some fun and affordable gifts such as Mouse mats, fridge magnets and keyrings with your child's name printed onto all the products for that personal touch! The invitation letter and IQ card was given to your child before the end of term to bring home.



Keeping Safe

The clocks go back on Sunday 31st October, which will mean that families may be travelling to and from school with less daylight and may be out and about when it is dark. After half term, we will be talking to the children in about keeping safe, especially at this time of year. We are preparing to discuss how to be safe and be seen as well as raising specific age appropriate awareness of firework safety.

Dates for your Diary:

INSET DAY: we have an **INSET** day on **Friday 22nd October** so school will be closed to pupils on this day

HALF TERM: Monday 25th– Friday 29th October

INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS - Wednesday 10th November

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**END OF THE AUTUMN TERM
(PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A CHANGE TO THE ORIGINAL DATE)**

The autumn term will finish at
12 noon on Thursday 16th December 2021.

We would like to wish all of our families a lovely half term break and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 1st November.

