



# Maple Infants' School

September 2020

Newsletter No. 1

## Diary Dates:

### 2020-2021

#### **AUTUMN TERM**

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept to Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Dec

**HALF TERM:** Mon 26<sup>th</sup> – Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Oct 2020

#### **SPRING TERM**

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Jan to Wed 31<sup>st</sup> Mar 2021

**HALF TERM:** Mon 15<sup>th</sup> – Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021

#### **SUMMER TERM**

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> April to Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021

**HALF TERM:** Mon 31<sup>st</sup> May – Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Jun 2021

#### **INSET DAYS (School closed to pupils)**

- Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept
- Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct
- Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Jan
- Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Jun
- Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> July



It really has been wonderful to welcome all of our children and families back to school this term, especially as we have not been together as a school community for such an unprecedented length of time. We are particularly delighted to welcome all of our new children and their families to our Maple community.

We have been very impressed with the way that all of our children and families have adapted to the new routines within school which have been put in place to keep our school as safe as possible. Many thanks for all of your help in preparing your children and for your patience whilst we see the children in and out of school.

We are really looking forward to an exciting term together. The children are loving learning already and are really responding well to the carefully planned activities which have been helping them to settle in over the last week.

Although our way of communicating with families will be a little different this term to what we are used to, we are very much looking forward to continuing to work in partnership with you to help your child to flourish and continue to grow a love of learning over the year ahead.

*Together we learn and grow*

Mrs. Barwell

#### **Message from The Police**

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Sept 2020 new Covid legislation comes into force making it illegal to meet in groups of more than 6 either indoors or outdoors. This will include groups of parents gathering after drop off in the morning and before pick up in the afternoon. Also, when walking to or from school with your children, be aware of the number in your group if you are walking with another family. Please be aware of the legislation and alert to the number of people you are socialising with. The only exemptions to this legislation are in the workplace, education and organised sports. Police will be patrolling the areas around schools and have been granted powers to disperse groups of more than 6 if they come from multiple households.

Also, remember to observe social distancing which is 2 metres wherever possible or 1m+ with extra protection in place, such as a face covering over your mouth and nose.

Stay alert and stay safe.

#### **Frequently Asked Questions**

We have received lots of questions about absence and what to do if a family member or your child is unwell. We have put together some frequently asked questions to help you to understand the processes in place – see attached. We will also place these on our school website. Please do feel free to contact the school office if you have any further questions.

#### **Year Group Communication**

Every Friday, we will be sending a weekly overview to each year group to explain what the children will be learning about over the week ahead to help you to know what will be happening in your child's classroom. For Nursery, this will begin next Friday. We really hope that this communication will help you to engage in the learning that your child will be taking part in.

Please do email or telephone the school office if you have any queries or questions and a member of staff will be happy to get back to you as soon as they are able to.