



# Friends of Maple Spring News 2019

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, and Friends,

Welcome to our Spring Newsletter! Thank you for all the support you have shown us this term.

We've had a brilliant response to the **World Book Day Reading Challenge** and look forward to updating you after Easter with the amount raised, and what it means for the school library area. Please make sure that all sponsorship forms are returned by the end of term, Friday 5th April via Red Trays, or the school office. We hope you enjoyed taking part with your children.

This year's **Quiz Night and Charity Auction** was a well-attended and enjoyable evening which raised £1,200. Congratulations to Team Sycamore for their excellent quizzing, and thank you to everyone who contributed, participated, and donated auction lots. A great result from a great team effort.

Thanks are also due to everyone who donated food and joined us for **World Food Festival**, it was a brilliant way to celebrate the Maple Infants' community in multi-cultural week and was enjoyed by all.

## **Spring Term Financial Update:**

This term we've raised £2,555 and have spent £2,362.40 on the following:

- World Book Day 'reading spoons' for all the children to decorate and a selection of books to support the school's World Book Day activities
- Playground toys requested by the School Parliament, and a new water activity table for Reception
- Living Eggs for Nursery and Reception (chicks that hatch out in class)
- Subsiding Trips by 25%: Lookout Discovery Centre (Year 1), and Natural History Museum (Year 2)
- Music: Year 2 Choir Workshop and Concert; Multi-cultural week drumming workshops for all pupils

We were very fortunate to receive a donation through a Maple parent's **Employer's Giving Scheme** this term. Perhaps your employer offers a similar scheme that you could nominate us through?

## **Looking ahead to September 2019 and a new Friends team...**

All four current Committee members will be standing down at the next AGM in September 2019, so it's time for a new team to take the work of the Friends forward. Now is a great time to find out more about getting involved. Ideally potential new Committee members would start to shadow the current team during the summer term to ensure a smooth handover and continuity from one year to the next. Please do get in touch if you'd like to find out more, and for job descriptions. Normally we elect a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer although different roles can be created. Getting involved is a fun way of making an important contribution to your school community.

The Friends welcome feedback and suggestions so please get in touch with us via Classlist, email [contact@friendsofmaple.org](mailto:contact@friendsofmaple.org), or fill in the feedback form available on the website [www.friendsofmaple.org](http://www.friendsofmaple.org)

Suzy, Sarah, Sarah and Judith

The Friends of Maple Committee 2018/19



## Future Events...put them in your diary now!

### **World Book Day Reading Challenge Finishes at the end of term Friday 5th April**

Please make sure we have your completed sponsorship forms and funds in the box in the office by the end of the Spring Term on Friday 5th April. We hope that you have enjoyed taking part in the challenge with your children as part of this celebration of reading. We look forward to updating you after Easter with the results and what they will mean for the library area.

### **Easter Cake Sale (Year 1) Friday 5th April 2pm in the Playground**

Start the holidays with a smile at an Easter themed cake sale hosted by the Year 1 classes. Happy Easter!

### **Friends of Maple Open Meeting (Summer Term) Thursday 2nd May 7.30pm, Hall**

A chance to find out more about our activities for the Summer Term and an update on our finances. If you are interested in joining the Friends next (academic) year either as a Class Rep, or as part of the committee, now is a great time to get more involved and to shadow the current team, so come along to find out more.

### **Maple Infants' Spring Fair Saturday 18th May 10.00am-12.00pm**

Join us in the playground for a variety of stalls. The Surbiton Farmer's Market will be running at the same time so enjoy a Saturday morning stroll down Maple Road and into school for refreshments.

### **Maple Infants' Summer Fair Saturday 29th June 11am-2pm**

Our annual Summer Fair is here again – look forward to fun and games for all the family. **Saxophony** are kindly supplying live music for us in the playground again this year and we'll have a full compliment of stalls. Planning and preparations are already under way but we're always looking for new ideas for different stalls and activities to run so let us know if you have any suggestions.

### **Friends of Maple Annual General Meeting Thursday 26th September 7.30pm (TBC)**

The next Friends of Maple AGM will be held in the school hall on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2019. All are welcome to attend and to help shape the work of the Friends for the 2019/20 academic year. We will be electing a new committee to take the work of the Friends forward, please get in touch if you'd like to get more involved or are interested in joining us.

Don't forget how easy it is to raise money for the Friends of Maple Infants every time you shop online through **Easyfundraising**. We raised **£130** this quarter but it could be so much more if everyone signed up. Please visit [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) to create an account. It doesn't cost you a penny

