



# Maple Infants' School

December 2020

Newsletter No. 4

## 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)

- Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Jan
- Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Jun
- Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> July

As we come to the end of the autumn term, I wanted to personally thank all of our families for your support and understanding and for helping us to adhere to all of the safety measures in place at Maple throughout the last term.

This term has been one of the most challenging that we have experienced both in school and for many of us personally and we recognise how difficult it has been for some of our children and their families too. I know that you will join me in thanking our fantastically dedicated staff team, who have worked tirelessly to ensure that all of your children enjoy school as much as they always have and continue to love learning, both in school and when they are learning at home.

We know that as the academic year progresses, it will be essential that we continue to work together to follow all of the guidance in place in order to support the well-being of our community as a whole. With this in mind, we have put together a one-page document to help families to understand all of the essential actions which **must** be taken should your child or a member of your household display symptoms of COVID-19. We have attached a copy of this to our communication today, but we will also be providing your child with a paper copy to bring home so that you can keep this close at hand should you need to access it.

This information also includes the arrangements for reporting any positive COVID-19 cases to the school over the break as it is important that we are still able to track any cases during this time. We hope that this helps families to understand and be able to follow all of the guidance.

We would also like to ask families to be especially careful about sending children into school if they are or have been unwell. If you are in any doubt, please keep your child at home and telephone or email the school office and a member of the team will be very happy to provide any advice.

Thank you again for all of your continued support.

*Mrs. Barwell*

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### Travelling abroad during the break

There are specific quarantine requirements in place for people when returning to the UK from many countries around the world. If families are travelling abroad over the break, may we please remind you to carefully check the most up to date quarantine requirements and let the school know so that we can record your child's absence accordingly and provide remote learning whilst they are isolating during this period.

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### Christmas Jumper Day & National Santa Dash

It was great to see all of the children and staff wearing their Christmas jumpers into school on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. There were so many different designs and the children particularly enjoyed taking part in our 'Santa Dash' throughout the day. We raised an amazing £489.60 for Save the Children – thank you so much to everyone who was able to donate.

The Friends of Maple Infants' School are inviting the children to come into school on the last day of term dressed in Christmas Muffin and we look forward to celebrating the last day of term with them.

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### Updated website

We are really pleased to let you know that we have now updated our school website. We hope that you like the new refreshed layout and design. Many thanks to Ms Thompson for her technical expertise in putting this all together.

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### **Safety at drop off and collection times**

We know that at drop off and collection times, the St James' Road entrance can be very busy. Whether walking or driving to school, may we please politely request that families are extra careful around the St James' Road entrance at these congested times. We want everyone to arrive to school and return home safely and it is essential that we are all extra vigilant at these busy times to ensure that our community remains safe.

**Many thanks for everyone's understanding and co-operation particularly throughout this current time.**

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### **Dates for your Diary:**



### **END OF TERM:**

#### **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

The Friends of Maple Infants' School would like to invite all of the children to come to school dressed in Christmas mufti to celebrate the end of the term. Please ensure that the children are wearing festive clothing which is still suitable for school. If your child would prefer not to wear something festive, then they may wear their own clothes. The Friends will be collecting any donations at the gate at drop off.

The school will close early on this day; however, the collection times will be staggered to support the children's safe exit from school. Please see below the collection time for your child's year group:

**Nursery:** 11.30am

(please note that the last day for afternoon Nursery will be Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December)

**Reception:** 12 noon

**Year 1:** 12.15pm

**Year 2:** 12.30pm

The Spring term will begin on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January, however this is an INSET day and so we will be welcoming the children back on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021**.



*All of the staff and Governors at Maple Infants' School would like to wish all of our children and families a very safe and happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year!*