



Maple Grove Primary School

January 13th 2016



Welcome back

Welcome back to a new term at Maple Grove. We hope that you have had a pleasant and restful break and that you are re-energised to face the challenges and rewards of the forthcoming term. We have a number of events and some fantastic learning planned for the upcoming term. We have open days arranged as well as a range of information mornings and evenings scheduled.

As many of you are aware the weather has taken a turn for the worse over recent days, so could parents and carers ensure that the children are coming into school wearing the appropriate clothing such as; coats, hats, scarves where necessary. If it has been icy and cold over night, could parents ensure that they are taking extra care when bringing their children into school, we don't have any plans to close, so please ensure that you continue to bring your children to school. If we do close due to adverse weather conditions, a text message will be sent out to all parents informing them of this. You can also find this information out on the Essex County Council Emergency school closure page.

Target Room

Well done to Jarrell, Cory, Dawson and Talia for being the first children this week to be chosen to go into the Target Room. Jarrell, Cory, Dawson and Talia have shown some fantastic learning this week and have really impressed their teachers with some fantastic maths, reading and writing. Their reward was to spend the afternoon in the target room spending time playing games on the Xbox. There was definitely a competitive edge to the games that they were playing, with the children having great fun.



Trust open morning

Many of you will have received a letter on giving you information and a questionnaire around the changing status of the school. On Thursday the 19th January from 9:30-11:00 and on 26th January from 4:00-5:30 there will be a consultation meeting held at school. This is a fantastic opportunity for parents and carers to come and receive more information around the process as well as the opportunity to raise questions about the process. We hope that you can attend. If you have not yet returned your questionnaire we strongly encourage you to do so as this supports the direction of the school and provides us with vital information going through the process.

Uniform - Please ensure that your child attends school wearing the correct school uniform, if you are unsure what this is please speak to a member of staff. After half term we will be sending out letters to parents of children who are not wearing the correct school uniform.

Packed Lunches - We promote a healthy school, in the interest of this, please ensure that your child brings with them a healthy packed lunch with fruit and other healthy foods. Please be aware that fizzy drinks are not allowed in packed lunches.

Attendance

As many of you are aware coming to school and a good level of attendance is key to children's education and their future success in life. If you are having difficulty in getting your child into school please let the office know, but have a look at the information below:

97-100% Attendance = An excellent level of attendance

95% Attendance = An acceptable level of attendance by law

90% Attendance = You have missed half a day of school each week over the year

85% Attendance = You have missed half a term a year

Designated Safeguarding Lead; Mr Labuschagne
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead; Mrs Dunne

If you have any concerns, please speak to one of the above members of staff.



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O2

On Monday we have a selection of children who have will be going to the O2 to take part in the Young Voices. Miss Ball-Reader and Mrs Thomas have been doing some fantastic singing over the past few days to make sure that they are on top form for when they come to doing their performances. I am sure you will join with us by wishing them well and that they will be excellent role models and ambassadors for the school.



Roald Dahl Day

Year 3/4 had a fantastic day this week when they came to school dressed in their favourite Roald Dahl characters. The Year 3/4 teachers are focussing on Roald Dahl over the coming weeks and spent the day looking at the different books that he has written, did investigation in the library to research characters and were even treated to watching the original Charlie in the Chocolate Factory movie.



Saturday School

Saturday school started this week for the Year 6 children. It ran from 9:00-12:00. Children were able to bring in snacks and drinks. We will be opening Saturday School from 8:45 from next week and providing the children with breakfast. If any parents are still interested in their child attending Saturday School please speak to the office about this for more information.



Saturday

School



Learners of the week

Well done to all those children who have shown excellent learning this week at Maple Grove. If your child achieved learner of the week, have a talk with them about how they achieved it and all the hard work that they have been doing. There has been some fantastic learning taking place over the first week back and we hope to see lots more in the coming weeks.

Value of the week

Well done to all those children who have shown one of the school values this week at Maple Grove. These are intrinsic to the values and ethos of the school and help support children develop values necessary to become well rounded individuals.

Dates for the Diary

Mon 16 th Jan	Young Voices at the O2
Thurs 19 th Jan	Parent Consultation Meeting
Fri 20 th Jan	Coffee Morning – Science at Home
Mon 23 rd Jan	School Nurse Screening EYFS
Thurs 26 th Jan	Parent Consultation Meeting
Thurs 26 th Jan	Coffee Morning – Maths
Fri 3 rd Feb	Coffee Morning – Writing

Fri 24 th Feb	Coffee Morning - Topic
Fri 3 rd Mar	Coffee Morning - Reading
Fri 10 th Mar	Coffee Morning – SMSC/PSHE
Fri 17 th Mar	Coffee Morning - EYFS
Fri 24 th Mar	Coffee Morning – Data
Tues 28 th Mar	Year 6 Crucial Crew