



# Maple Grove Primary School

October 20th 2016

## Half term.

Welcome back to the first week in the second half of the autumn term. As expected the good weather did not hold out and it has turn cold over the past few days, with temperatures as low as 2 degrees. Can parents please ensure that their children comes to school with the appropriate clothing to match the weather conditions. They will need to bring a coat with them, this ensures that they stay warm when coming to and leaving school, but also when they are outside at break and lunch time.

We have lots of events in the coming weeks in the lead up to Christmas, some for the school and some charity events. Letters will go out as well as texts to keep you as up to date as possible with what is happening. Dates will also be updated on the school website, which is currently under construction but can still be accessed, so please check there as well.

We are considering going 'paperless' with our newsletter, this is to save on using paper, help the environment and become more environmentally friendly, this would mean the newsletter would only be printed if it was requested, but always accessible on the website. As always, we would like parent opinion on this, so please let the office know your thoughts on this.

## **Absence**

If your child is going to be absent from school, please ensure that you call the main office as soon as possible. This ensures that the school knows the whereabouts of the children and that they are safe. This also aids us in keeping records up to date to ensure attendance is tracked. Phone calls for absent children must be made to the main office by 9:30 at the latest. Could parents also ensure that contact details are all up to date in the office. Many numbers that we call to find the whereabouts of children are not working. This also helps us avoid the need to do home visits to ensure the safety of the children. Thank you for you support and co-operation with this.

## **Charity**

As a school we activity encourage supporting charities. Millie Isbell is going to be cutting her hair short to support a charity that helps children who are suffering from hair loss. The Princess Trust, supports children in these circumstances and needs all the help it can get to continue its fantastic work. If you would like to support this charity and Millie, please speak to the office to get the contact details of the just giving page that has been set up to support this.



**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

Please note, that if attendance does not meet the expected standard, parents will receive a letter explaining the attendance of their children. If it does not continue to improve a meeting will be arranged. If it still does not improve other agencies will have to be involved.

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mr Labuschagne, Deputy Lead: Mrs Dunne



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## Sailing to success

Reception class had a fantastic introduction to their new topic 'Pirates' all the staff and the children got dressed up in their best pirate outfits ready to sail away into their exciting new learning adventure. Well done to all the children [and staff] that got into the spirit of things. This is a fantastic hook for the children to really get a feeling for the new topic they are learning about and let them experience it for themselves.



## Mickey Bennett

Well done to Mickey Bennet who has performed spectacularly in his sport of Motor Cross getting a trophy for his 2nd place in the 50cc kids, a trophy for 2nd place in the Youth Juniors and coming 4th place out of 20. This has been due to hard work and determination in the holidays and building up his fantastic skills. This is a brilliant showcase of the school values and well deserved recognition.



## Learners of the week

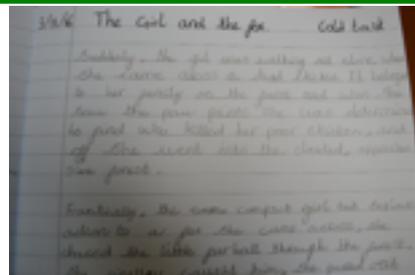
Well done to all those children who have shown excellent learning this week at Maple Grove. If you child achieved learner of the week, have a talk with them about how they achieved it and all the hard work that they have been doing. Over this half term we have seen some fantastic work being produced in classes all the way from Reception to Year 6.

## 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.

## Fantastic writing

Well done to Mia Lydon for doing some fantastic writing in her English lessons. There is some fantastic writing going on in the school, and Mia is showcasing brilliant handwriting, determination and using all the key features of writing.



## Dates for the Diary

11th October - BEST confidence building course Home

14th October - Behaviour at

12th October - Sunshine Confidence building course Course

14th October - BEST ESOL

12th October - Elder Class Assembly

13th October - KS1 Disco 3:15-4:15