



**MAPS Newsletter: guiding you through life at our school!**

**Term 3, Edition 22 Week Ending 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018**

Dear Parents,

One of the things I love about working here is the positivity that the pupils bring to school. This was never more the case than on Thursday morning when all the Book Day costumes battled through the snow, and were to be seen hopping and skipping into school all excited for another day. When inside they were greeted by equally excited staff in costumes too. Having been in many schools and led a few, you as parents are very lucky to be sending your children to such a positive happy school. Please do pass on your thanks to the staff when you see them – it really means a lot to them.

I wrote previously about the Enrichment programme that we are pulling together for the summer terms. There will be more on this later on, however I would like to flag up another initiative we are going to be starting in the summer term 5. We are going to launch the Daily Mile at MAPS. We will encourage each and every child to take active exercise each and every day. We will map out a course on the green grass to the side of MAPS and have a fun run every day. There are many reasons for this. Firstly, it is great fun – it is not a competition, or a race. You can walk, jog or run, but the aim is to do it with your friends. Secondly, it has huge health benefits for your children, not only physiological ones, but also mental benefits with the release of chemicals and endorphins that actually temporarily increase your IQ. Finally, we are asking children to fundraise for this event. We are hoping to raise enough to put into the Inspiration Fund, and then acquire a mini bus so that we can take children out on a range of trips and excursions to widen their holistic education. If you could help your child fill in the sponsorship forms when they come home we would really appreciate it.

Simon Northcott

**Netball:** A team of children went to Benham Sports arena at the beginning of the term for a netball coaching session with Natalie Panagarry and other DRET schools. Our team did extremely well competing against older children and won a match against a team of Year 6 children! Great enthusiasm by the whole team.



**Science WOW day:** Year 2 were taught all about smoke rings, Vortexes and slime making in their Wow day at the beginning of term. A great way to start their topic. The Atomic Science team are also coming to school after Easter to run an after school club – letters went out last week. If you would like a space, please complete the form and return to Miss Carter in the office or apply for a place online.

Dates for your diary

- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March  
Passport to the Moon  
Checks this week
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March

Coming up:

- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March and Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evenings
- 18<sup>th</sup> May – FOM Quiz Night

This Term's

Virtue:

Responsibility

Our Christian Virtues



