



MAPS Newsletter: guiding you through life at our school!

Term 2, Edition 13 Week Ending 8th December 2017

Christingle: Both Christingle services were amazing this week! Thank you so much to Father Greg for leading this for us and all at Holy Trinity for the warm welcome. It is great to share these experiences with you so thank you as well to everyone who joined us and to Mr Toyne for his accompaniment. The children sang beautifully and the readers explained really clearly all about the meaning of Christingle.

Piano Celebrations: We have had to change the timing of the piano celebration next week to **WEDNESDAY 13th December @ 10am**. If your child is playing in the celebration, we have e-mailed you about this. All children will have an opportunity to perform over the year so if your child isn't playing on Wednesday, they will later in the year.

Christmas Tree: A huge thank you to B&M at Weston Favell for donating our beautiful tree and the decorations. It's certainly starting to feel a lot like Christmas at MAPS!

Hand washing: As you know, we are having a big push on attendance at the moment, especially during this bout of coughs and colds. To try and keep the children healthy, we have been talking to the children about good hand washing techniques: using warm water and soap and ensuring all of your hands have been washed (thank you to Mrs Dove for suggesting this!)

To encourage this further, we are inviting the children to create 'good hand washing' posters that can be laminated and displayed near the sinks. Please give posters to your child's teacher before the end of term – thank you.

Christmas Accessories Day: Next Friday, 15th December. The children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers and or accessories – hats / badges etc in exchange for a small, new gift which will be donated to children who are spending this Christmas in hospital. Please bring all donations into school on Friday for delivery to the hospital the following week. A big thank you in advance for this.

Christmas Performance Tickets: All parents that have booked tickets online have now been allocated and will be sent home today or Monday. There are still a few seats left for certain performances, please pop into the office if you would like tickets. **Reminder:** We expect **ALL** children to return to take part in the evening performances unless previously agreed with the teacher.



Dates for your diary

Monday 11th December

Tuesday 12th December

Wednesday 13th December

- 10am Piano Recitals for selected pianists
- 2pm KS1 Christmas Production
- Christmas Dinner for those who have ordered

Thursday 14th December

- 9.15am Reception Production
- 1-3pm Pantomime for the whole school
- 5.30pm Reception Production
- 6.15 KS1 Production

Friday 15th December

- Christmas jumper / Accessories Day - Please donate a small, new gift (non-food) for the hamper for the Children's Ward

Coming Up:

Wednesday 20th December - End of Term

This Term's Virtue:

Kindness

Our Christian Virtues



Words of the week: Please try and use these words at home over the weekend!

Squirrels: Searched
Hedgehogs: Despair
Badgers: Flummox
Foxes: Revenge
Lions: Perforate
Tigers: Bombard



Passport to the Moon: Congratulations to our children who received badges for their Passport to the Moon achievements so far! 4 more bronze awards and another gold! We are well on the way to having our final proof of the Year 3 and 4 passport and should be able to give this out in January to suggest more experiences the children can take part in to broaden their horizons!



Anti-Bullying: As part of our anti-bullying week activities, the children designed posters to promote being a good friend and key messages to ensure that MAPS is a bullying free zone. Thank you to all of the children for their entries, choosing the winners was a tough decision! A big well done to Kester, Ariadna, Nilah-Jae, Dylan P, Hanna and Emily whose posters will be enlarged and displayed around school.

Upcoming Local Events:

Art gallery – University of Northampton, Avenue Campus. Open now, daily until Thursday 14th December, 10am – 4pm.

Today we celebrated 100% attendance! – Thank you!

Attendance this week:	
Reception Overall: 95%	Robins 95% Sparrows: 95%
Year One Overall 98.3%	Hedgehogs 97.2% Squirrels 99.3%
Year Two Overall: 93.5%	Foxes 87% Badgers 100%
Year 3 Overall: 99%	Lions: 99.3% Tigers: 98.7%

Attendance
Well Done to Badgers with
100%
attendance for the week!

Whole School Weekly attendance: 97.5%
Whole School Year to Date attendance: 98%

We are reaching for the attendance moon this week with whole school attendance of 97.5%. Our aim is to be 97%+



Crack down on lateness: Please ensure your child is in school on time. This week we have lost 376 minutes of learning due to lateness of children.