



Reaching for the moon

MAPS Newsletter: guiding you through life at our school!

Term 1, Edition 1. Week ending 7th September 2018

Welcome Back! I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer with your children – they have certainly had lots of exciting stories to share. Thank you to the vast majority of parents who have returned their children looking really smart – it really makes a difference. The new Year 4 blazers in particular have gone down well with the pupils and onlookers.



Welcome to our new Reception children and their families who are settling in really well. We wish all our new families a special MAPS welcome, and we hope they will continue to enjoy their time at Malcolm Arnold Prep School. We look forward to working with you.

I know you will continue to work with us, so your child can grow in confidence, with a love of learning, and a determination to be the best person they can be. Can you ensure, that, as parents and carers you put a great value on school and education. Explain to your child that treating everyone with respect, being on time and in school everyday, wearing the correct uniform and working hard in school is important to you. These are also important life skills. The value you place on these will be the value your child holds.

Please can I point out to parents that in a bid to improve road safety we have increased the size of the bumps to slow cars down further. We have also created a zebra crossing outside the hashed zone which we urge you to use. Please refrain from parking on it or the grassy area around it. We had a near miss last year and it is a priority to try and reduce these scares.

The After School Club programme kicks off next week. Please ensure pupils have the right kit for their activity – so for rugby etc they will need boots, for Yoga something comfortable etc. I am sorry Gymnastics filled up so fast. We will endeavour to put it on again and possibly increase the capacity so more can attend and reap the benefits. Please also ensure that you are prompt at pick up. My staff are already going over and beyond the call of duty by putting on these activities, it is not fair to ask them to stay later to look after your children.

The Year 4 pupils are very excited about their forthcoming camping trip to Nevill Holt Farm. The staff are hoping to exhaust them during the day with a range of exciting activities so they sleep well – but we shall see!

CLUBS

- Mon 10th September
- Choir Club (Y3-4)
 - Soccer (Y1-2)
 - Shakespeare Club
- Tuesday 11th September
- Yoga (Y1-4)
 - Rugby (Y2-4)
- Wednesday 12th September
- Gymnastics club (Y1-4)
- Thursday 13th September
- Squad Soccer (Y3-4)
- Friday 14th September
- Monday 17th September
- Choir Club (Y3-4)
 - Soccer (Y1-2)
 - Shakespeare Club
- Tuesday 18th September
- Yoga (Y1-4)
 - Rugby (Y2-4)
- Wednesday 19th September
- Gymnastics club (Y1-4)
- Thursday 20th September
- Squad Soccer (Y3-4)
- Friday 21st September

Please do thank the staff that help look after your children. I can assure you that the work they put in before every day to make things exciting and stimulating is phenomenal, and when coupled with the nurturing care and love they show the children during any one day – they really do a stunning job. Please do thank them.

We are sure you have seen a variety of new faces around the school. We are pleased to welcome Miss Elliman, Miss Tebbutt, Miss Paye, Miss Schreiber, Miss Wood, Mrs Brightman, Mrs Adams and Mr Hobbs to our ever increasing support team.

Finally, a reminder about the message I sent out about a Parent Governor. If anyone is interested, please do come and see me so I can explain the role further. Expressions of interest by Friday 14th please.

Reminders:

Please ensure ALL uniform and PE kit is clearly named.

Regularly check your child's hair for lice, with the warm temperatures they are spreading rapidly.

MyED – please ensure you are registered for the app. Reception parent may not be able to see their child's information yet as we are still updating the online pupil records so please bear with us.

Book bags: Unfortunately we did not receive the KS2 book bags this year. I have ordered them this week and will let you know as soon as they come in. They will be £4.50 each to purchase from the office. All payments will be required to be on parent pay as we are a cashless office.

Car Park: The car park is now getting full with the number of staff we have were. Please can parents ensure if they are using the car park they leave the premises quickly to free up the spaces. If there are no spaces available in our car park, you may use MAA car park, failing that you will have to park on the road. If you are using the car park, please ensure you are parked within an allocated space as marked and a reminder that we close the gates between 8.20-8.40am and 3.20-3.40pm for thte children's safety. Many thanks.

Term Dates: Please see the term dates attached for this year. No holidays during term time will be authorised and it is likely you will incur a fixed penalty notice from the local authority.



Malcolm Arnold Preparatory School Term Dates 2018- 2019

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 Term Time	 Staff Training Day	 Disaggregated Staff Training Day
 Holiday	 Bank Holiday	