



MALCOLM ARNOLD  
PREPARATORY SCHOOL  
Broadening Horizons



## Reaching for the moon



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

**Term 3, Edition 11. Week ending 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all parents who attended the end of term assembly this afternoon. It was lovely to hear the children singing in their houses for the inter house singing competition. Well done to Armstrong House for taking home the trophy! Yesterday we had an enrichment day for the whole school. Year 3 went to Think Tank, Year 4 went to the Space Centre and the rest of the school completed activities within school. There was a great atmosphere around the school and lots of different activities going on. Here is a QR for year 1's enrichment day for you to watch (details on how to open on page 2):



**A reminder that school is closed next week for half term. We will be returning on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February for term 4.**

### Class Reps:

Thank you to those of you who have volunteered to be class reps this year.

Hedgehogs - Mrs McCarthy-Dixon

Foxes - Mrs Wilmer

Lions - Mrs Cox

We really need reps for every class and it would be nice to get some fathers involved too. If you feel you could sign up for this then please contact the school. We will be enlisting shortly!

**Shoes:** the school uniform policy clearly states that girls and boys should wear black polishable school shoes. Over the winter months with lots of rain and snow common sense has allowed me to turn a bit of a blind eye to lots of boots (both ankle and mid-calf) that have been appearing in school. However, as we progress towards the warmer months I would like to remind you of this obligation to wear school shoes and not boots of any sort.



### CLUBS / Important

#### Dates

Reminder to book your preferred clubs as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

#### Monday Clubs:

Freestyle Soccer (am)  
Junior Choir (lunch) (y1-2)  
Choir (y3-4)  
Chess (y1-4)  
Maths (y3-4)  
Arts and Crafts (R-y2)  
Gymnastics (y1-2)

#### Tuesday Clubs

Freestyle Dance (am)  
Soccer (y1-2)  
Coding (y3-4)  
Weaving (y3-4)  
Freestyle Multisports

#### Wednesday Clubs

Gymnastics (y3-4)  
Fencing  
Hotshots

#### Thursday Clubs

Tennis (am)  
Book Club (y3-4)  
Soccer (y3-4)  
Arts and Crafts (R - y4)

#### Friday Clubs

Freestyle Gymnastics (am)



### Message from the Headmaster:

Please put your phone on 'camera mode' and point it at the QR code (you don't need to take an actual picture of it) – it should then open up a link so you can view the video. OR if you have the MyEd app, there is an Ed Scan button at the bottom of the screen.

**Advertising Opportunity:** On 19<sup>th</sup> of March, MAPS pupils will be performing in the DRET Primary Music Festival at the Royal and Derngate in Northampton. 600 pupils will perform and there will be an audience of 1200 watching it. If you know of a company or if you own one, that might like to advertise in this programme, please can you contact either us at school or DRET music ([music@dret.co.uk](mailto:music@dret.co.uk)) who can sort out an advert for you in the lovely programme. It is an excellent demographic of highly aspirational and motivated parents so your advert will certainly get noticed!

The rates are very competitive:

£70 quarter page

£120 half page

£200 full page

### **Summer Term Advance warning!**

This summer term – for the last week (July 15<sup>th</sup> – July 19<sup>th</sup>) – we will be doing a **Move Up Week**, with children moving up to their new classes and hopefully with their new teachers. This is an important week as teachers get to know the pupils and the pupils get to know their new surroundings and environment. They will also start next year's teaching. Please ensure all pupils are here for this vital week.



**Camping:** Year 3 will be moving up to be in Year 4. As part of their moving up week we are going to take them camping at the DRET farm. On the Monday the first class will go – staying overnight, and they will swap with the second class on the Tuesday. More information will follow about this but please get ready for this event. The first night away from home for many! Dates for the diary: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July for Lions and then Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July for Tigers – returning on the 18<sup>th</sup> for normal pick up at 3.30pm. There is a cost of £40 to cover transport and food for this event.

### **Key dates for Term 4**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February – Term starts 8.30am

8.3.19 – World Book Day at MAPS – theme of bedtime stories so children can wear pyjamas if they wish to.

8.3.19 – Spring reports out to parents

12.3.19 – Parents' Evening #1 3.45-6pm (appointments will be live for booking from March 1<sup>st</sup>)

14.3.19 – Parents' Evening #2 5-7pm (appointments will be live for booking from March 1<sup>st</sup>)

15.3.19 – Comic Relief – red noses and cakes donations for sale

19.3.19 – DRET music festival at Royal and Derngate (Y4 and choir)

21.3.19 – World Down Syndrome Day – wear bright socks for a donation to DSGN (Downs Syndrome Group Northampton). Sing and sign song in Celebration Worship on 22.3.19

26.3.19 – DRET Sports Competition for Yr 4

SATURDAY 30.3.19 – FoM Bingo

1.4.19 – Reception go to the DRET Farm

2.4.19 – Reception go to the DRET Farm

