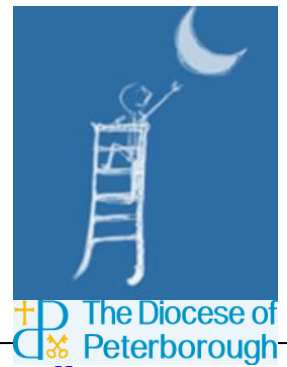




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MAPS Newsletter: guiding you through life at our school!

Term 4, Edition 12. Week ending 8th March 2019

Dear Parents,

On Friday 15th March at 2pm we will be holding our Inter House Netball and Soccer tournaments on the MAA pitches. This will involve virtually all Year 3&4 pupils who will either be in their house squad for netball or soccer (there is both boys and girls soccer and netball).



The matches are fairly short and it is a knock out event. As with other Inter House events the winners etc will receive house points that will go toward the whole totals for the term. Parents are welcome to join us and watch this event should you wish to, but in order to maintain safeguarding standards, there will be no access to the inside (toilets) of MAA. Parents and spectators will only have access to the court area.



The event starts at 2pm and should be over around 3.15 for a normal dismissal at 3.30pm. Do come and cheer on one of the Houses if you possibly can.

Due to this event there will be no Celebration Assembly next Friday (15th March)

School Drop off:



I am hopefully putting into place, a system in the mornings that will alleviate the car congestion outside our gates. We will be creating a drop off zone on the left just before the zebra crossing. Cars will be able to pull into this area, **and providing children are placed on the passenger side of the car**, we will open the doors, and then get one of the senior school pupils to escort each child to their classroom.

This will mean that you do not need to get out of your car and can exit smoothly and quickly once you have dropped off your child. We hope that this will speed things up, make them safer, and be convenient to you. **It will only be available in the mornings at 8.25am-8.35am** – so for ten minutes, as the MAA pupils need to get to their lessons, and the doors shut to all the MAPS classroom shortly after this point.

We will hopefully trial this in the Summer term (April 23rd +), and if it proves successful we will potentially continue with it. As always I would welcome your feedback on this idea and the execution of it.

CLUBS

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)

Monday 18th March – staff training please see next sheet for club cancellations.

Apologies

Thursday 21st March – bright socks for World Downs Syndrome Day – all donations to DSGN.

Sandpit construction: We need a few strong helpers to help construct our new sandpit. We have all the kit but just need a bit of help **10am-12 in the morning of the 16th of March 2019**. It will provide hours of fun for our pupils, and we just need a little bit of help from a few parents to put it all together. **Come on! Give us a hand!** Please contact the office to volunteer.



Uniform: In June our school uniform contract with Stevensons comes to an end. We have lined up a new supplier who will supply all the same uniform but at a less expensive rate and with improved delivery accuracy and time frames. They are called Your School Uniform www.yourschooluniform.com

If you are thinking of getting some uniform for next September it may be worth hanging on for this new supplier. A reminder that next year's new Year 4 will need blazers and proper ties which can be obtained from this site. Equally we will be asking that all pupils have a House Coloured PE shirt (no longer a white one) which can be obtained from Your School Uniform. Please make sure that you are crystal clear which house your child is in before ordering! This will help with house identity and will be used for house events as well as PE lessons.

Red Nose Day 15 March: On Red Nose Day **we will not** be having a non-uniform day. Instead, we are asking for cake donation for a cake sale after school, of which all proceeds will go to Red Nose Day. Pupils are allowed to support the day by coming into school with a Red Nose – please do name these as we expect there to be a lot! However, we expect it to be accompanied with normal school uniform. Many thanks.



Tuesday 19th March 6.30-8.00: Not to be missed is the DRET South Primary Music Festival at the Royal and Derngate. If you want a positive life affirming experience that will lift your spirits this is the event to be at. 600 children singing their hearts out, with the MAPS choir leading the charge! It will be a great night - please see the R&D box office for tickets.



Clubs: The following clubs have been cancelled due to other commitments:

Tuesday 12th March – Coding Club

Thursday 14th March – Arts and Craft Club

Monday 18th March – Maths Club, Art Club and Chess Club

Tuesday 19th March – Weaving Club and Year 1 & 2 Soccer Club

Sorry for the inconvenience

Friends of MAPS Easter Egg Bingo: Join FoMAPS on Sat 30th March, 11.30am-1.30pm, for their family Easter bingo. All are welcome so bring along your friends and family too! Booking forms will be going out in book bags and must be used to book your places - booking deadline is Fri 22nd March. There will also be hot lunch options available to book in advance - fish & chips, sausage & chips and a veggie option. Entry is £1 per person for 3 games and meals are £4. Refreshments and a chocolate tombola will also be available on the day.

MyED App: A reminder that we update the app regularly. I have uploaded the learning forecasts for this term plus the Friends of MAPS button information. Please check regularly for updated information.

Chess Champion: Huge congratulations to our first Year 4 Chess Champion.



Singing Cup: Well done to Armstrong House for winning the inter-house singing trophy.

