



MALCOLM ARNOLD
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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MAPS Newsletter: guiding you through life at our school!

Term 3, Edition 17 Week Ending 12th January 2018

Dear Parents

The New Year comes for many of us with New Year resolutions. One that I would like to pursue this term, will be to ensure that all of the children look smart and tidy at school, wearing the correct uniform at all times both in school and when representing the school - at school events and in matches. We are fortunate to have a very smart school uniform at MAPS and I would like everyone to wear their uniform with pride. I would appreciate your support to ensure that the children come to school looking smart every day and the staff will ensure that they leave at the end of the day looking equally presentable.

Very many thanks to the Friends of MAPS who have volunteered to not only provide the elastic but also the expertise and manpower to come in and repair a number of ties in the school. For many the temptation to pull their ties down has meant that the elastic has stretched and is now out of shape. This means their ties dangle, rather than being smartly at their top button. These repairs should correct this, allowing our pupils to be really smart. Thank you to the Friends of MAPS. A tremendous effort on their part and just the sort of co-operation that will enable us to keep progressing as a school.

Leadership across the Campus: Alongside Mr Northcott joining MAPS in January, Chris Steed will also take over the Executive Principal role across both our school and MAA. This is as part of our journey to providing an outstanding all-through education for the children across the whole campus. We pass on our thanks to Mrs Appleby who has been covering this role since February.

Year 3 Boys Choir: Yesterday, a group of Year 3 boys attended a boys' choir workshop run by the Choir of St Johns College, Cambridge. The boys were introduced to a range of musical repertoires and were taught to sing 'We're Walking in the Air' and 'A New Commandment' and were privileged to perform alongside St Johns Choir to an audience. The workshop was attended by other Northampton DRET Schools, ours being the youngest group. They were all absolutely fantastic and the exceptional behaviour was noted by the Choir Master; they were all a great credit to the school. We hope there will be many more enrichment opportunities like this moving forward. Many of the boys have now mentioned joining the school's choir on a Monday after school. If you think your son may like to join, please see either Miss Carter or Mrs Pheasant.



Dates for your diary

Monday 8th January
Tuesday 9th January
Wednesday 10th January
- 2.30pm Headteachers
Introduction Meeting
for all parents
Thursday 11th January
Friday 12th January

Coming up:

Thursday 8th Feb - FOM
School Disco

This Term's
Virtue:
Gratitude



Meeting with Simon Northcott: Thank you to all those who attended this meeting on Tuesday. We are holding an additional session on Wednesday 17th January at 2.30pm for all parents who could not attend this week. We do ask that ALL remaining parents attend. Please confirm your attendance to Miss Carter in the office.

Air Ambulance: As you may have seen, we have had a clothing bank delivered to MAPS to help support the air ambulance charity. Please bring in any unwanted clothing as per the guidelines on the clothing bank. The school will also receive income from this which will then go back into the school for additional resources.

Friends of MAPS: Thank you to all who attended the Friends of MAPS meeting, if you would like to become a member, please speak to the FoM or Miss Carter in the office who will direct you to the right person.

A huge thank you to the friends of MAPS for providing the school with the microphone stands which were used over the Christmas period for productions and events. These will come in very handy!

Afternoon Tea: On Monday, the children who received the most special pebbles last term were invited to afternoon tea with Mr Northcott and Mrs Stevenson. Well done to those children! The rewards for special pebbles will differ every term; the children have also had an input to some of the different experiences available.



MAPS Dance Troupe: Congratulations to the children who were selected for the dance troupe club held in school on a Thursday lunchtime. All successful children's parents have been emailed.

Attendance this week:	
Reception Overall: 99.2%	Robins 99% Sparrows: 99.3%
Year One Overall 93.6%	Hedgehogs 97.2% Squirrels 90%
Year Two Overall: 98%	Foxes 97.7% Badgers 99.7%
Year 3 Overall: 99.8%	Lions: 100% Tigers: 99.7%

Attendance

Well Done to Lions with

100%

attendance for the week!

Whole School Weekly attendance: 97.8%
Whole School Year to Date attendance: 97.9%

We are Reaching for the attendance moon this week with whole school attendance of 97.8%. Our aim is to be 97%+



Crack down on lateness: Please ensure your child is in school on time. This week we have lost 1085 minutes of learning due to lateness of children.