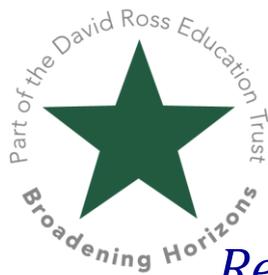
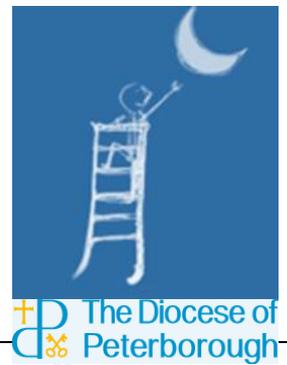




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## Reaching for the moon



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

**Term 4, Edition 13. Week ending 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019**

Dear Parents,

**Staff news:** It is with great regret to inform you of a few staff members who will be leaving MAPS at Easter; Mrs Giles, Miss Carter, Miss Rowland and Miss Toni. Mrs Giles is moving to work for NCC, Miss Carter will be now based at MAA as Senior Administrator, Miss Rowland is going to teach at another school nearer to home and Miss Toni will be leaving to train as an HCA. We wish them all the best in their future roles and thank them all for everything they have inputted at MAPS. Mrs Alison Hawkins-Smith will be starting at MAPS on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March as Senior Administrator.

**Keeping Safe:** This week we have been thinking about keeping safe both on-line and off-line with a focus on 'kind words.' We have had discussions with the children about the effect words can have on ourselves but also how it can make others feel. Part of our message to the children has been around the idea of thinking before we speak and checking that everything we say and do is kind at all times. We have also reminded the children that if anything makes them feel uncomfortable, worried or upset they should speak to a trusted adult about it; it would be great if you could reinforce this message at home too.

With regards to being safe on-line, we ask that you continue to monitor any activity with technology to keep your children safe, especially whilst there are rising concerns for inappropriate and worrying content online. We have also noticed that some children are logging onto TT Rockstars very late at night; ideally screen time should have a cut off time to ensure the children have a chance to wind down before going to sleep.

### **DRET Primary Music Festival at the Royal and Derngate** **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March.**

Our Year 4 pupils and our Choir performed brilliantly at the Music Festival on Tuesday. It was a long day for them all, but they managed to not only sing like angels but also concentrate really well throughout the night. It was also lovely to see our strings group perform so well. It is always worth remembering that our pupils are still two years younger than other pupils – so their efforts are particularly impressive. Well done.



**Inter House Sport:** Last Friday we saw our first interhouse soccer and netball tournaments with 120 Year 3 and Year 4 pupils taking part. There was a competition in both sports for boys teams and girls team which was closely fought. What particularly impressed me was the spirit that it was competed in. Everyone played hard but also fair, and there was no answering back at all. The Netball was won by Scott House and the Soccer by Piccard. Both houses will therefore get additional points in the House points challenge which is reaching its culmination soon. Well done to all and to Miss Headworth for organising the tournament.



### 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)



**Easter Tombola:** FoM are asking for **chocolate donations** for the Easter Bingo which is next Saturday, could be either Easter Eggs or normal chocolate goods. Please could you bring donations in next week to the school office. There is still time to book your tickets for this event – please complete the form and return to the office by the end of the day on Tuesday.

**End of Term celebrations:** On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April we will be having Easter Services at the Holy Trinity Church. Reception and Year 1 will be at 1.30pm and Years 2,3 and 4 will be at 2.15pm. If you would like to attend, please arrive promptly at the Holy Trinity Church. Due to the church visits, celebration assembly will be on Friday morning, 9.00am. Again, parents are more than welcome to attend.

**Uniform:**

While the vast majority of pupils look really smart, please can we ensure that going forwards, and especially after Easter pupils are all in the right uniform. Shoes are the most frequent area of concern, and while I appreciate that pupils feet grow really fast, it is important that we have proper school shoes (and not boots) that are polishable. Many thanks.



**Litter Pick:** Lots of our children assist the Friends on Northampton Racecourse with their monthly Litter Pick – this is a great advert for our school and being part of the wider community. If you would like to attend there is one this Sunday at 2.30pm. Every child gets a certificate and a stamp in their 'Passport to the Moon'.

**Job Vacancies at MAPS:** we are currently recruiting for the following positions. If you feel any of these would suit you or know of anyone please do pass on our details.

Lunchtime supervisor: Closing date is 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019.

Class Teacher: Closing date is 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

Family Support Worker: Closing Date 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019.

**OFFER:** 25% off any party if the parent quotes 'Malcolm Arnold Prep School' when booking with sensory Sensations



**Healthy Eating Sprint:** Next week is Healthy Eating Week. Please ensure you send in healthy foods in your child's lunchbox to reiterate the requirement for eating healthily. One day next week we will be visited by a member of the Chartwells team to speak to the children about the importance of vegetable in their diet and the children will get a chance to sample different vegetables and create a veggie rainbow.

**Birthdays:** Just a reminder about birthdays in school. While it is of course lovely to celebrate each and every child's birthday at school we cannot have cakes appearing on site for distribution. We have strict policies on allergies and we have no detailed knowledge of what is in each cake. So we cannot hand it out to pupils. Pupils do get a small individual fairy cake on the Friday that their birthday falls in (all made in house). If your child does have allergies and you want to supplement this with a specialist cake (still small in size for them as an individual) then that is fine.

If you want to bring in small bags of sweets that can be given out easily and we can ensure that the contents are safe for all that would seem the best compromise. Thank you for your co-operation.

**Children need sleep:** After a recent survey in school children have said they any not getting enough sleep. Please see the link below for further advice

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/sleep-and-tiredness/healthy-sleep-tips-for-children/>