



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

**Term 1, Edition 2 Week Ending 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

This week, we have welcomed our new reception children into school. I have been hugely impressed with how well they (and parents and carers!) have coped with them being with us for full days; it has been wonderful to see all of the children fully engaged with their learning activities. The other year groups have also continued to be really settled in all of their learning, showing perseverance to 'Reach for the Moon'. The language choices children are also using are brilliant and it is fantastic to hear each class using their word of the day around school. Please check the words from each class and see how many times you can use them over the weekend!

**Parent Information Sessions:** We are holding a parent welcome and information session on Tuesday (19<sup>th</sup>) after school. The session will start at 3.45pm in each year group where staff will talk to you about general expectations and routines for the year. Following this, there will be a chance for you to speak to the teachers and ask any questions. This will then be repeated at 4.15pm for any parents who have children in more than one year group. Children are more than welcome to attend the sessions but please ensure they tidy away anything they use and that they are quiet during the welcome talk so everyone can hear.

**Clubs:** In addition to the clubs that are being run by Freestyle, Mrs Wise and Mrs Pheasant will also be taking a choir for Year 1-3. Please see the letter attached and return this by **Wednesday** if your child would like to attend.

Every week, the year group chooses a word of the week to add to the children's vocabulary. This week they are:

Year 1: **Peek** in Squirrels and in **fascinating** Hedgehogs

Year 2: **Codswallop** in Foxes and **infuriated** in Badgers

Year 3: **Despicable** was chosen by Lions and Tigers!

Please try and use these words over the weekend and ask your children to say sentences incorporating these words.

**Summer Reading Challenge:** Congratulations to these children who have completed the reading challenge over the summer. Keep reading at home!



Dates for your diary

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September

- FOM meeting 6pm - All welcome

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September

- Parent Sessions 3.45 and 4.15pm.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

Coming up:

- Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September - Friends of MAPS Family Bingo. 12 - 2pm

This Term's Virtue:

*Respect*

Our Christian Virtues



**Uniform:** Please spend some time over the weekend naming your children's items. Already, we have lots of items going missing and if they are not named, they cannot be returned to their owner.

**School Lunches:** A reminder that all lunches need to be ordered by Monday, midnight for the following week. All year 3 school meals require payment via parent pay or you need to supply your child with a packed lunch. If your child/ren has any special dietary needs, please speak to Miss Carter in the office who will liaise with the kitchen to ensure all needs are catered for.

**Holidays during Term Time:** Already we are receiving requests for holiday forms, please ensure all holidays are taken during the 13 weeks of the year the children are not in school. Taking children out of school for a week during term time has a detrimental effect to their learning. All holidays are **unauthorised** and if they exceed **5 days** within 12 months, they are reported to the Educational Entitlement Service and you could be fined.

**Parking:** A reminder that we close the car park gates from 8.20am to 8.40am and 3.20pm to 3.40pm every day for the safety of our children. You are welcome to use the car park if there are spaces left and you are happy to wait in the car park until the gates re-open. Please **ONLY** park in a parking bay, do not double park or block the entrance. There are spaces in the Academy car park too which can be used for drop off and collection. If there are no spaces, please drive through the academy and park on the road – Do **NOT** stop and wait for a space as this causes a block on the road outside. Remember that emergency vehicles need to have access at all times.

**Nuts:** A polite reminder; we have children in school with severe nut allergies. Please do not send your child to school with nuts or products which contain nuts in their lunch boxes.

**Cooking Course:** We still have a few spaces for the cookery course starting next week. If you would like to attend, please complete the attached form and return to school ASAP.

**Spotlight on Reception:** Reception have had a great first week - learning the routines of life at MAPS! Both classes have had PE today, exploring moving in different ways. Getting changed was fun - please practice at home 😊. The children have enjoyed sharing information about their favourite toys with the class and getting to know their new friends.



| Attendance this week:       |                                   |
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| Reception<br>Overall: 99.5% | Robins 99.6%<br>Sparrows: 99.3%   |
| Year One<br>Overall: 99.5%  | Hedgehogs 99.3%<br>Squirrels 100% |
| Year Two<br>Overall: 97.2%  | Foxes 98.7%<br>Badgers 95.7%      |
| Year 3<br>Overall: 97.6%    | Lions: 98.6%<br>Tigers: 96.7%     |

**Attendance**

**Well Done to Squirrels with 100% attendance for the week!**



**We were so close to more classes reaching 100% this week. A reminder to ensure your child is in school, on time, every day.**