



MAPS Newsletter: guiding you through life at our school!

Term 3, Edition 23 Week Ending 16th March 2018

Dear Parents,

You are warmly invited to two further events this term:

1 The Spring Concert on 22nd March at 9.15am in the **Theatre at Malcolm Arnold Academy**. This will involve our fledgling strings group, a few pianists and performances by most if not all of the pupils in some shape or form. It should be over by around 10am. It would be lovely if some of you could come and see what your children have been up to creatively.

2 The End of Term Assembly on 29th March at 2.30pm in the **Theatre at Malcolm Arnold Academy**. Once more all pupils should be taking part and presenting their thoughts on Easter. It will also serve as the climax of the Termly House Points Competition. Please do join us if you can.

Talking of events, you should all receive a MAPS calendar in your child's book bag. I hope you find this useful. Not all events are on there but the majority are, and we will look to publish other ones in the future. The keen eyed amongst you will see that I have booked an overnight stay at the DRET farm in September for the new Year 4. There will be more about this later on, but it is worth noting the date.

Finally, we are having a big push on handwriting and home learning. It would be great if at home, during an idle moment you could encourage some precise handwriting. Copying out a short piece – writing your shopping list – writing a letter or card to someone – there are lots of ways you can encourage your children to practice their handwriting. Equally, all of you should have received the note about Home Learning being set on Fridays and being due in on Wednesdays. We are providing the opportunity to do this in school if it is difficult to do at home.

Many thanks and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the two end of term events.

Simon Northcott

Netball: 8 of our children attended the DRET primary Netball cup this week at MAA. They were playing against children from across the Trust, most of which were year 6 students. The team did extremely well and came 8th overall out of 14 schools which is a fantastic achievement. We won 3 out of the 6 games in our group.



During our first defeat we let a lot of goals in but the other 3 losing games were close; the scores were 3-1, 2-1 and 1-0 to our opponents. The player of the day award went to Simona for keeping team morale up and encouraging the other players to keep on going.

Dates for your
diary

Monday 19th March

Tuesday 20th March

- Parents Evening 1

Wednesday 21st March

- World Downs Syndrome
Day – wear bright socks!

Thursday 22nd March

- Spring Concert 9.15am @
MAA

Friday 23rd March

Monday 26th March

- Class Photographs
- Parents Evening 2

Tuesday 27th March

Wednesday 28th March

Thursday 29th March

- End of Term Assembly
2.30pm @MAA

Friday 16th March

Coming up:

18th May – FOM Quiz Night

This Term's

Virtue:

Responsibility

Our Christian Virtues



MAPS Headteacher Recruitment Update:

Due to a rather narrow applicant pool in the first round of recruitment, we have decided to re-advertise the role of Headteacher in MAPS. As an Equal Opportunities Employer and in line with our ambitious vision for MAPS to offer its children the very best of the state and the independent sector, we want to ensure that we have fully explored the job market and that the post is offered to the most qualified candidate who will be able to drive the school's future development to achieve this vision.

The advert has already been re-posted and will close on Monday, 16th April, with interviews taking place towards the end of April. In the meantime, Mr. Northcott continues in his post of Interim Headteacher and we would like to hereby express our deep appreciation for his passion and his ongoing commitment to the school, our staff and all our children. He has, of course, been encouraged to apply for this role.

Should any parents have queries regarding this matter, please feel free to get in touch with Ivyna Reic, Chair of the MAPS Local Governing Body at IReic@dretgovernor.co.uk, or Chris Steed, Executive Principal, at CSteed@MalcolmArnoldAcademy.co.uk.

Parents Evenings: A reminder that the parents evenings are coming up; 20th March and 26th March, please could you log on to book through the button on the app or via <https://malcolmarnoldprep.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/> To log on, you will need to provide the information we have on SIMS. If you are having trouble accessing this, please pop into the office and speak to Miss Carter.

World Downs Syndrome Day on the 21st March 2018: On Wednesday 21st March we will be supporting this charity by asking the children to wear bright coloured socks in exchange for a monetary donation. All donations will then be sent to this worthwhile charity. Please assist us in supporting this great cause.

Common Illnesses: We have had cases of both ringworm and worms within school this week. Please can you reiterate the need for hand washing and thorough hand drying to your children (we do this in school) over the weekend to prevent any spread of infection.

Medication: Please be aware that ONLY prescribed medication should be bought into school. We have Calpol and Nurofen on site if your child needs it during the day. We would always contact parents before administering these.

Superstar Learning: Stars of the Session:



Attendance (2 weeks)

Reception: 99.5%
Robins: 99.5%
Sparrows: 99.5%

Year 1: 95.6%
Hedgehogs: 97.9%
Squirrels: 93.4%

Year 2: 94.5%
Foxes: 90.7%
Badgers: 98.3%

Year 3: 98.3%
Lions: 95.5%
Tigers: 98.2%

Whole School Attendance:

97%

Year to Date Attendance:

97%

Attendance Winners:

RECEPTION : 99.5%

This week in Pictures: Science Week in Year 1

