



Reaching for the moon

MAPS Newsletter: guiding you through life at our school!

Term 1, Edition 2. Week ending 21st September 2018

Thank you for your support in returning the pupils in the correct uniform and looking smart – it makes a huge difference to the feel of the school and it is one of the things that repeatedly comes out in pupil survey's: that they are really proud of their uniform and how they look.

We are delighted that our clubs have got off to a positive start. We are excited to have Saints legend Jon Clarke (who played for Saints almost 200 times scoring 32 tries) who is taking a rugby coaching club every Tuesday this term and next term. It would be great to see more pupils having a go as rugby teaches pupils so many good life skills as well as being a super game of balance and co-ordination.



We had a very successful first camping session with Year 4 who worked on their independence and life skills, and did remarkably well. Sadly the onset of some really poor weather meant that the second camp has been postponed until next week. My thanks go to the staff who willingly gave up their time and home comforts to police the camp and ensure it all ran smoothly. Please do thank them in person if you get the chance.

We are excited about our performance of the Tempest at the Royal and Derngate which is looming ever closer. The chance for our pupils to perform on a professional stage in front of a packed audience is something most children can only dream of. Good luck to Year 4 as they prepare and learn their lines.

Another thing I'm looking to introduce is to get pupils to learn and recite a poem. To actually commit a poem to memory is a great skill in itself and when coupled with the art of public speaking it creates an experience and skill that can stay with a child for life. This will be rolling out to all year groups over the course of the year – so do look out for it!

Many thanks for your support

Simon

CLUBS

- Mon 24th September
- Choir Club (Y3-4)
 - Soccer (Y1-2)
 - Chess
- Tuesday 25th September
- Yoga (Y1-4)
 - Rugby (Y2-4)
 - Squad Soccer (Y3-4)
- Wednesday 26th September
- Gymnastics club (Y1-4)
- Thursday 27th September
- Year 4 Camping
- Friday 28th September
- Monday 1st October
- Choir Club (Y3-4)
 - Soccer (Y1-2)
 - Chess
- Tuesday 2nd October
- Yoga (Y1-4)
 - Rugby (Y2-4)
 - Shakespeare
- Wednesday 3rd October
- Gymnastics club (Y1-4)
- Thursday 4th October
- Squad Soccer (Y3-4)
 - Football fixture against Cedar Road
 - Shakespeare Club
- until 5pm
- Friday 5th October

House captains: this week and next, the teachers will be nominating children for school house captains. This will then go to a selection process and results will be shared in the celebration assembly next week.

Football Squad: thank you to everyone who attended the football trials with Mr Hobbs over the last couple of weeks. The successful children will have received a letter home today. A reminder that we have our first fixture on Thursday 4th October against Cedar Road Primary Academy.

Clubs: the clubs we are putting on for the children are a great success. Thank you to all the staff involved in clubs and to the parents for their prompt collection of the children. The clubs will change again after half term so please keep an eye out for that notification when it comes.

Car Park: Please be aware that with an increased staff, there really are very limited parking spaces in the staff car park. We ask that parents only ever park in the spaces provided, and never in the disabled bays (unless showing a disabled pass) or in spaces that are not marked as parking bays. This is so we can make sure the car park is a safe zone for all our pupils.

If parents wish to drive to school we would encourage them to use the parking spaces in the main car park, or on the road nearby. We are working with MAA to free up more car parking spaces in the main car park to assist with this. Finally, a gentle reminder that our doors open at 8.30 to classes and work is ready for pupils to start at that point. Classroom doors will shut at 8.40am so that purposeful learning can start bang on 8.45am. Please do not disadvantage your child by being late.

Emails: Once again, apologies for the communication issues we seem to be having. I have been assured by MyED that the internet providers that are blocking our emails are rectifying this and hopefully emails will begin to filter through to you inboxes rather than junk. If you have your emails on a computer, you can change the rule to accept our emails in the meantime.

Macmillan Coffee Morning: This year's coffee morning will be held next Friday, 28th September, 9.00am as part of the Friends of MAPS Coffee Morning. **Donations of cakes would be greatly appreciated** – to be given to the office on Thursday Morning. Any remaining cakes will be sold after school on the Friday.



Dogs: It seems that many of you are walking into school with your dogs and tethering them up on the railings. As a family school this is fine, but I ask that you ensure that you clear up after your dogs if necessary. Equally, it is important to understand that if you leave your dog unattended it may be that some pupils go to stroke your dog. While I would remind all parents of pupils that this can be a risky business as the reactions of dogs can differ hugely, and dogs may bite or snap, we cannot be held responsible for any such actions. It would be good practice for parents to make sure that their children did not stroke or pat dogs unless the owner is there and they have permission. It makes sense to be careful. Equally if you know your dog can be aggressive it may be best not to leave it tethered up alone, as if it were to snap at a child it would be your responsibility. It would also make sense to tether up any potentially aggressive dogs further away from the gates were pupils exit from – so the temptation is removed.



Reminders:

Please can you check your child's clothing, we have had a lot of parents asking for named items – these are not in the lost property or the classrooms. If your child has another child's uniform garment – please return it to the school as soon as possible.

Book bags: Unfortunately we did not receive the KS2 book bags this year. I have ordered them this week and will let you know as soon as they come in. They will be £4.50 each to purchase from the office. All payments will be required to be on parent pay as we are a cashless office.

★ Stars of the Session ★

Reception		
	Georgie O'D for trying hard and settling in well	Darci For being really helpful and settling in well
Year 1		
	Logan for a really enthusiastic start to the term	Theo for always showing respect and being kind to anyone around him
Year 2		
	Lucian for his determination to try his hardest with every piece of work	Simrah has settled in well to her new school and is striving hard to produce work of a really good standard
Year 3		
	Bianca V for writing a detailed setting description independently during English learning	Willow F-W for her great ideas in class
Year 4		
	Oliver B from Panthers for putting 100% effort into his learning, especially his handwriting, and for persevering even with his broken arm!	Jenna-Mae for her great effort in class and on the camping trip

Well done to all of you for your vast efforts over the last 2 weeks.

Put in that extra effort and perhaps you could be the next star of the session?

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