



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

**Term 1, Edition 3 Week Ending 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017**

**Sprints!**

Each week, we are having a focus on a different 'sprint'. All of the schools in the Trust are focusing on the same area, with the aim to raise standards and expectations across all of our schools. This week, we have been looking at showing pride in both our appearance and behaviour. This has also linked really well with this term's virtue of respect. All adults have continued to drive their high expectations for learning and behaviour in the classroom and around the school. Our code of conduct is easily understood by the children and rewarding this clearly ensures every child knows what they are able to do to achieve star and moon learning and behaviour. This may mean that children receive time out if these high levels of behaviour aren't displayed but they will always have time to discuss this with an adult and talk through how they are able to 'fix' the behaviour moving forward. We are always happy to work in partnership with you to support behaviours in school and at home. Please also help to support us by ensuring your child is in full school uniform. We are incredibly lucky to have such a smart and distinctive uniform which we want the children to wear with pride. With this in mind, please ensure socks and tights are GREY, shoes are BLACK only and hair accessories are in the school colours and of a sensible size. We have a stock of ties in school as well if you need to purchase one. If children aren't wearing full uniform, the class teacher will check with you at pick up to ensure they have everything they need for the following day. Please name everything - we seem to have spent a lot of this week looking for lost items!

**Parent Information Session**

Thank you to everyone who attended the parent sessions this week. We have attached the PowerPoint presentations for each year group for your information.

**Macmillan Coffee Morning:** This is on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September. Please could we ask for donations of cakes / biscuits etc for this event by Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September. The coffee morning will be held straight after Worship on Friday, all welcome.



**Gardening:** Our raised beds and pots are in desperate need of an overhaul. Mrs Brown is going to be running a gardening club for a few weeks to get children involved. This will be Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Sept, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of October. If you think your child might like to help, please speak to Miss Carter in the office.

Dates for your diary

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September

September

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September

- Macmillan Coffee Morning

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>

- September -  
Friends of MAPS  
Family Bingo. 12  
- 2pm

Coming up:

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October -  
Tempest Photographs  
(individuals)

This Term's Virtue:

*Respect*

Our Christian Virtues



**Illnesses:** Please remember to inform the office if your child is off sick. Our policy for sickness and diarrhoea is for the child to stay at home for 48 hours after the last bout of sickness. Medication can be administered in school, including non-prescribed medication such as Calpol, by completing a form in the office. Please DO NOT leave medication with the children, it must be signed in by an adult.

**Friends of MAPS:** The first meeting was held last week. If you would like to be part of the Friends of MAPS, please see their Facebook and Twitter pages for further information and contact details.

**123 Parenting Course:** Mrs Giles is running a 123 Parenting course, starting next Thursday 9.15-12.00 at the Arbours Primary School. If you would like further information, please pop into the office.

**Year 3 School Meals:** Please note that if your child does not have a meal booked or a packed lunch and we are unable to contact you, we will provide your child with a sandwich and add it to the parent pay system where it will show up as a debt on your account.

**Uniform:** We have some MAPS scrunchies in stock from the Friends of MAPS. These are on sale from the school office. We also have ties which can be purchased from school. Please ensure full uniform is worn every day.



**Passwords:** Please ensure you give the office a password for collection of children. We will only hand over a child to another adult if they have the password and we are notified in advance of collection. Reception children have taken home their data sheet for checking with password letter on the reverse this week. Please return this to the office as soon as possible to enable our system to be updated. Please let the office know ASAP of any changes to address, telephone numbers etc for your child/ren to keep our records up to date.

**Year 1:** Tapestry. Now that your child has reached Year 1, the online tapestry journal is no longer used. If you would like a CD of your child's journal from, reception, please speak to Miss Carter in the office. This will be charged at £1 each to cover the cost of the CD.

**Smoking / e-cigarettes:** Please be reminded that we are a non-smoking site. This includes the use of e-cigarettes. Please ensure all cigarettes are extinguished and e-cigarettes are away before entering the site. This includes within vehicles. Many thanks

**Newsletter feedback:** Due to the nature of the growth of the school, we are asking for feedback from parents on how it is best to communicate with you. As part of next week's sprint, we will be setting up a survey – please look out for the link.

**Words of the week:** Please try and use these words at home over the weekend!

Squirrels: Livid  
 Hedgehogs: Cosy  
 Badgers: Risky  
 Foxes: Discuss  
 Lions: Surplus  
 Tigers: Cure

Attendance this week:

Reception Overall: 95.6%	Robins 96.6% Sparrows: 94.6%
Year One Overall 93.4%	Hedgehogs 91.4% Squirrels 95.5%
Year Two Overall: 97%	Foxes 96% Badgers 98%
Year 3 Overall: 98.1%	Lions: 97.2% Tigers: 99%

**Attendance**

**Well Done to Tigers with 99% attendance for the week!**

**Overall attendance this week is really poor. Please ensure your child is in school, on time, every day. If your child has a temperature or feeling under the weather, bring them in and we can administer calpol throughout the day. If children are poorly during the day and we believe they are too ill to be in school, we will make a phone call home and ask for collection. We have nurofen in school for emergencies, but will ask for parents permission prior to administering.**

**Whole School Year to Date attendance: 97.1%**