



MAPS Newsletter: guiding you through life at our school!

Term 5, Edition 26 Week Ending 25th May 2018

Dear Parents,

I am personally delighted to be able to announce to you that the powers that be have just announced that I will continue as Headmaster of MAPS in a permanent capacity. Since joining the team here I have been thrilled by not only the calibre of the staff here, but also their friendliness and compassion for the pupils. Put this all together and the future is really bright for the School and your pupils. Please do thank the staff for their outstanding work if you get the chance. They may blush but deep down they really appreciate it!

I have also been both surprised and impressed by the Daily Mile. If you total up all the laps run by the pupils then, on the eve of the Champions League final in Kiev – they have run the same distance. That is as if one pupil had set out from Northampton and run all the way to Kiev and then turned around (with the Trophy) and come back! It is a fantastic achievement. I now ask that you as parents support them in this great achievement and ensure that the sponsorship forms are filled in, the cash collected and then returned to the Reception as soon as possible. We are setting the deadline of June 22nd but hope that the majority of sponsorship money can come in at the start of next term.

Have a lovely short break with your children. Please keep the reading going and lots of mental maths too if you can. We will see you when we return on 4th June.

See you soon.
Simon Northcott

Internet Safety: Year 3 performed a showcase on Internet Safety. One of the main things that has come out of this topic is that some children are playing games online which are certificate 12, 15 and 18. As you are aware, it is illegal for children under these ages to play the games, and parents could be prosecuted. Please check your child's internet settings. If you would like further advice and guidance on internet safety please get in touch and we will organise another event.



Safety on site: Please dismount bikes and scooters when on school grounds to keep everyone safe.

Disco's: Thank you to all the helpers at the discos last night. As always, these were a great success and the children had a fantastic time. Thanks to the Friends of MAPS for the organisation of this event.

Friends of MAPS Summer Fete: This is booked in for Saturday 7th July, 12-2pm. If you are able to help with this, please speak to one of the team. Thank you

Dates for your
diary

Monday 4th June

Back to school 8.30am
- Tigers swimming session

Tuesday 5th June

- Hockey Tournament
- New intake meeting (evening)

Wednesday 6th June

Thursday 7th June

Friday 8th June

Monday 11th June

Tuesday 12th June

Wednesday 13th June

Thursday 14th June

Friday 15th June

Coming up:

This Term's
Virtue:

Patience

Our Christian Virtues



Daily Mile Sponsorship: Please can we remind you that all sponsorship for the daily mile must be received by 22nd June.

Camping Trip: We are finalising the details for the Year 4 camping trip for September. We are estimating an approximate cost of £40 per child. Once the final cost is determined, we will put this onto parentpay so instalments can start to be made. This is another great opportunity for our eldest children at MAPS, in preparation for a longer residential in Year 6.

Bugtopia: The children in Reception and Year 3 had a visit from a tarantula, a millipede, stick insect, cockroach and a giant African Snail last week. Everyone was really brave and held the bugs, even the teachers!

African Drumming: Year 1 and Year 2 had the African Drumming Experience last week. This was part of this term's topic. The children learned all about the different style of drums and how to play them. What great opportunities for the children!



Royal Wedding: We had a fantastic day last Friday, celebrating the wedding of Meghan and Harry. The Reception children were the wedding party and the rest of the school were the guests. Thank you to Rev for acting as the priest for the day. A video was taken which was shown to the parents and pupils during this afternoon's celebration worship.

Uniform: As previously stated, we are expecting all year 4 children to wear a blazer and a real tie. We have sourced these at a great price and will soon be available to order from www.yourschooluniform.com. We will send information as soon as our school is live. We have a sizing set here in school should you wish to 'try before you buy'!



Weather: As the weather is improving, please apply 12 hour sun cream to your child/ren before coming to school. As you can imagine, we cannot apply suncream to all children in school before they go out onto the playground. Please also ensure hats are named and that the children bring in a named water bottle.

Attendance: We are seeing lots of holiday requests coming into the summer term. Please can we remind you that NO holidays will be authorised and all holidays for 5 days or more may incur a fine. Our attendance target for the year is 98% and at present we are on 97%.

Staffing: We are delighted to welcome Mrs Denise Summers, Miss Nasra Barre and Mr Graham Trotter to our team as new teachers joining us in September. This week's spotlight is on Mrs Summers.

"I am really excited about joining the team at MAPS. I trained at Northampton university when it was called Nene College and have been teaching in Northampton ever since. I am passionate about young children having the best start they possibly can and look forward to working with your children here. In my spare time I love cooking and getting out into the countryside. To try and keep fit you may see me plodding round the park run on a regular basis!"
Denise Summers



Attendance (2 weeks)

Reception: 98%
Robins: 97%
Sparrows: 99%

Year 1: 97.4%
Hedgehogs: 97.8%
Squirrels: 97.1%

Year 2: 97%
Foxes: 96%
Badgers: 98%

Year 3: 96.3%
Lions: 98.5%
Tigers: 94%

Whole School Attendance:

97.5%

Year to Date Attendance:

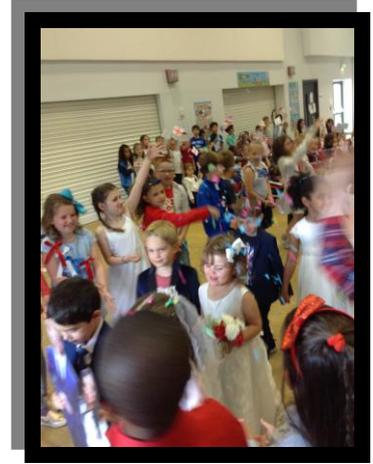
97.3%

Attendance Winners:

Sparrows – 99%

This week in Pictures:

MAPS Royal Wedding:



Bugtopia:

