

MAPS Newsletter: guiding you through life at our school!

Term 4, Edition 24 Week Ending 27th April 2018

Dear Parents

It has been lovely to see the enthusiasm with which the Daily Mile has been met by the pupils. It has been a great communal and friendly exercise with positive feedback from many already. One teacher remarked how much more calm and focused the class was and how this was having a positive impact upon learning. Well done to everyone.

With running in mind I would like to flag up a slight change to our sports day arrangements. We are deciding to split it with the Year 2/3 having their sports day on Tuesday 19th June at 2.00, and the Years 1 / Reception having theirs the following day on Wednesday 20th at 2pm. We hope that many of you will be able to make this, and it will take place on the grass to the side of MAPS. Linked to this is a small moan about PE kit. For most the simple white T shirt and black shorts is cheap and easy to follow, but recently we have been getting football kits and colourful outfits coming into school etc. Please can we revert to the standard kit please?

We have been having a few issues with Stevensons and the school uniform recently. As such we are exploring other outfitters, with a view to getting the best value for money for you the parents. Any change will require us working out our notice period, but I thought it appropriate to let you know. As of next year I am introducing a blazer and proper tie for Year 4 (and later on Yrs 5 and 6). We have sourced this from a new cheaper supplier, and I would ask that all those going into Year 4 acquire one in time for September. More details on where and how to get a blazer will follow.

Finally, really well done to all those in Scott House who won the House Cup last term; they got their massive chocolate cake, and extra break time this week and really enjoyed themselves. We are looking forward to another nail-biting competition this term and the other houses have vowed to redouble their efforts.



See you soon.

Simon Northcott

Daily Mile: We started the daily mile last week and we have already seen an improvement on the children's concentration and learning for the rest of the day. The children have taken the challenge on and succeeded. They are competing against friends and letting staff members know how many laps they have completed. One child managed "100 laps"! I'm not sure how in the 15 minute time slot! Children are encouraged to complete at least one lap before returning to the playground for the rest of their break, most children achieve much more than this.

Dates for your
diary

Monday 30th April
Tuesday 1st May
Wednesday 2nd May
Thursday 3rd May
Friday 4th May

Monday 7th May
BANK HOLIDAY -
SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 8th May
Wednesday 9th May
Thursday 10th May
Friday 11th May

Coming up:

- 18th May
- Royal Wedding
 - FOM Quiz Night

This Term's
Virtue:
Patience

Our Christian Virtues



Attendance: We are seeing a large number of holiday requests this term. Please be advised that we do not authorise any term time holidays and we will report any to the Educational Entitlement Service and you may incur a fine. Within the school day, the children have access to so much learning that missing a week of school will have a detrimental effect on your child's education. Phonics and Maths are fast pace lessons with an end goal, missing these lessons regularly could cause your child to fall behind in their learning. We expect every child to reach 97% attendance at the end of the year.

FoM Quiz Night: This is the first FoM quiz night hosted by the Swan and Helmet public house on Grove Road. We hope to see as many of you there as possible – a time to socialise without the children! We hope everyone has received a flyer and booking form for the Quiz night to raise money for Friends of MAPS. Please note there is an early booking discount of £18 per team or £20 on the night. If you would like to attend the quiz but don't have a full team of 4, please give your name to the school office and we will put teams together. As we make teams of 4, you will be contacted to let you know so you are able to pay your share of the entry fee.

Special Pebbles: Last term, we totalled a massive 14677 Special pebbles throughout the school. The top 8 children were: Haolin, Princess, Isaac, Rida, Joshua, Ahmad, Iga, Willow and Logan these children were treated to fruit kebabs, juice and ice creams last week in the sunshine – who will be rewarded the treat this term? Please encourage your children to try their hardest and continue to follow the school's code of conduct every day.



Lost Property: Again, we are collecting lots of items in school which are not clearly named. With the warmer weather coming, children are taking of jumpers / coats etc regularly and these are being left on the playground. We will attempt to return items which are named to their rightful owners, but as you can imagine we cannot return items with no names on. Please take some time over the weekend to check your child's clothing is clearly named to prevent items being lost. The lost property we have in school will be placed on a table outside the main reception on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week. All remaining items will be placed in the air ambulance bin.

Year 3 & 4 Passport to the Moon: We are really keen to encourage the children to complete activities for their new Passport to the Moon. Some stamps were awarded before Easter but there are hopefully lots more children who have completed one activity from each of the sections to receive this. The children can bring in anything linked to the activities they have completed to support their 'interview' which we will hold again in the week beginning 7th May. Please date the activities that have been completed and bring in Passports for this week.

The Royal Wedding: On **Friday 18th May**, we will be completing a variety of activities to celebrate the Royal wedding. As part of this, we will be having a street party lunch so Chartwells will provide a buffet style meat or vegetarian menu instead of the previously advertised menu. Please note, this will be the only option on this day. You are welcome to provide your own packed lunch instead if you would prefer. If your child is in Year 3 and you would like them to have the Chartwells buffet, this must be ordered and paid for on-line. **Children are also invited to wear non-school uniform on this day - we would suggest wearing red, white and blue!** We are also linking this with fundraising for the Inspiration fund so are asking for a **£1** donation towards this.

Clubs: The uptake of the clubs has been fantastic – what great opportunities for your children. A huge thank you to the staff (MAPS and MAA) and parents for running these clubs, furthering our children's education. There are still a few spaces left on the clubs – if you would like further information on these, please speak to Miss Wright or Miss Carter in the office who will be able to assist you.

Attendance (2 weeks)

Reception: 98.3%
Robins: 99%
Sparrows: 97.7%

Year 1: 98.3%
Hedgehogs: 97.3%
Squirrels: 99.3%

Year 2: 97.8%
Foxes: 97.2%
Badgers: 98.5%

Year 3: 97.6%
Lions: 97%
Tigers: 98.2%

Whole School Attendance:

98%

Year to Date Attendance:

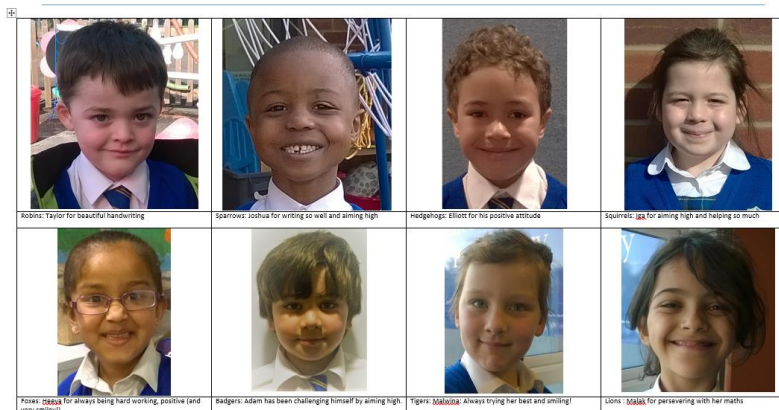
97%

Attendance Winners:

**Reception and Year 1 :
98.3%**

Stars of the Session:

★ Stars of the Session ★



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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This week in Pictures: Squirrels went on a plant hunt as part of their topic whilst Hedgehogs were learning about the Declaration of Rights during History



Jungle Book: Today we had the pleasure of watching the Jungle Book by M&M Productions. The children thoroughly enjoyed this experience and Year 3 had a workshop to find out how to put a production together. What a great experience!

