



MAPS Newsletter: guiding you through life at our school!

Term 6, Edition 28 Week Ending 29th June 2018

Dear Parents

Thank you for your enthusiastic support at our two sports days last week. They were really well attended and had a lovely atmosphere. Thank you for making that possible.

Prior to sports day we issued the pupils with House badges. The idea is that as we grow the House system will become more embedded and stronger. It was planned that these badges were not just for sports day but were for general use everyday on their uniform. Some of the pupils are wearing their House badges with pride. Please can the remainder of the pupils take them off their PE kit and put them on their shirts or pinafores. We will then be able to identify each house clearly. Thank you.



A few quick reminders please:

1. Please can you ensure that all pupils are in school by 8.40am. We want learning to take place from 8.45am, and currently late comers are prohibiting this.

All parents arriving after 8.40am, when the gates close, **MUST** sign their children in at Reception. They will not be classified as late until 8.45am but this ensures that they are signed in in case they do not make it into their classroom before the register closes.

2. Please can any remaining sponsorship money for the daily mile be handed in as we are trying to finalise totals. Quite a few pupils have yet to hand anything in.
3. Last call for any pupils in Year 3 who need to register whether or not they are coming on the Year 4 camping trip. We would like all returns (of the consent form) to be completed by the end of next week (6 July).
4. After School Clubs: please can I remind parents and pupils that if you sign up for a club you have a commitment to attend it, and unless there are exceptional circumstances children should attend. This is particularly the case now that we have waiting lists for many clubs and your non-attendance is stopping another person from attending. Please ensure prompt pick up at 4.30 – some pupils are not being picked up until 5pm which is not fair on my staff.

Friends of MAPS: A reminder that the summer fete is on Saturday 7th July, 12-2pm. If you are available to help on the day we would really appreciate the support. Please speak to one of the committee members or speak to Miss carter in the school office.

There will also be a craft corner so any junk modelling items you have would be gratefully received.



Dates for your diary

- Monday 2nd July
 Tuesday 3rd July
 Wednesday 4th July
- Years 1 and 2 to the Space centre
 - New intake stay and play (2)
- Thursday 5th July
 Friday 6th July
 Saturday 7th July
- Summer Fete 12-2pm

Coming up:

- 11th July - Happy Puzzle Company - MATHS DAY
 12th July - Piano recital (parents of pianists invited)
 13th July - Reports sent to parents
 18th July - Year 3 to Think Tank

This Term's

Virtue:

Perseverance

Our Christian Virtues



Dance troupe: This afternoon, 16 children travelled to the Corby Cube to take part in the DRET Dance Festival. They have been practising for almost a year on their routine – we wish them lots of luck for today, and hope to report back to parents about the success next week.

In an attempt to introduce our new staff to you all ahead of September, we have a small pen portrait of each that we will include in our newsletters. Here is Mr Graham Trotter (or Mr T as he is often known) who joins us in Year 2 next year.



As a young child I dreamed of becoming a tiger. As I grew up, I realised that this probably wasn't going to happen and so became something equally fearless- a primary school teacher.

I reflect on my early school days as happy. The sun always shone, England always beat Australia at cricket and Mr Wykes delivered stories from History that captured my imagination.

Having been educated in the county, trained at Northampton University and been inspired by Mr Wykes, I had a desire to help young children learn, and so teaching seemed to be the perfect vocation. Twenty years later, I haven't changed my mind. I have taught from Year 6 to Reception, in both the state system and independent.

Throughout my career, young children have consistently surprised me with their capacity for achieving the extraordinary. It has been my intention as a teacher to provide the best possible environment for the extraordinary to happen. As a famous philosopher once said, "Excellence is never an accident. It is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, and intelligent execution; it represents the wise choice of many alternatives- choice, not chance, determines your destiny."

Nowadays, I spend much of my spare time with my wife and three children at various musical, sporting and church events. I am a fair weather dog walker, reluctant park runner and closet chess player. My greatest achievement continues to be my existence as an ok Dad.

Attendance (2 weeks)

Reception: 96.2%
Robins: 96.4%
Sparrows: 96%

Year 1: 95.8%
Hedgehogs: 95.7%
Squirrels: 96%

Year 2: 96.2%
Foxes: 94.5%
Badgers: 97.8%

Year 3: 98.6%
Lions: 99.3%
Tigers: 97.9%

Whole School Attendance:

96.7%

Year to Date Attendance:

97.2%

Attendance Winners:

Lions 99.3%

Weather: Please ensure your child has suncream on before coming to school and also that he / she has a hat with them in school. All children must bring in a clearly named water bottle to keep hydrated throughout the day.

Attendance: A reminder to all parents, we do not authorise any term time holidays and any holidays taken are likely to be fined by the Local Authority..

Sports Day 2018

