



MAPS Newsletter: guiding you through life at our school!

Term 6, Edition 35 Week Ending 30th June 2017

Music Celebration: We would like to invite you to our music celebration on Wednesday 5th July at 2pm. Each class will be performing some songs they have learnt over the year as well as a showcase performance from our pianists!

Current staff changes and updates:

We are delighted to announce that Miss Toni has had her baby, Niamh, and both mum and baby are doing well. Niamh was a little earlier than expected and weighed a fine 2lb 9 but is doing really well. Congratulations to all of the family.



Miss Wright has started back with us this week following her maternity leave. She will be working throughout the school for the rest of the academic year and will then be teaching in Sparrows class from September.

Miss Higgs, will be starting her maternity leave on 9th July and we wish her well with the remainder of her pregnancy and look forward to hearing of the next MAPS arrival!

Miss Walding has secured a teaching post in Early Years at Sunnyside, congratulations, and will be leaving us on 9th July. I would like to thank her for all of her hard work while at MAPS and wish her every success in her teaching career.

Many of you will have seen Miss Lally over the past few weeks. She is now completing some 'Keeping in Touch' days before the summer holidays. In September, she will be in MAPS for 2 days a week until her maternity leave officially finishes in December. Both myself and Mrs Appleby will continue to work with Miss Lally to form the MAPS leadership team.

I would also like to thank Mrs Cox for her hard work in Hedgehogs class; she will be leaving us at the end of this term. I wish her well with her future plans.

Miss Rowland will be returning following her maternity leave in September to cover teaching across the school.

We are delighted to have a full teaching staff team for September and will continue to introduce new staff to the school over the next few weeks. This week, I have the pleasure of introducing Mrs Peart, one of our new Year Two teachers.



Hi my name is Rachel Peart and I am delighted to be joining Malcolm Arnold Prep School in September. I have been teaching since 2011 and have recently moved to Northampton from London. When I'm in school I love to get involved in extracurricular activities such as cooking club, dance club and netball club. When I'm not at school I love to indulge in a good book, go for a walk while enjoying nature or go on a spa day.

My favourite food is curried chicken and rice while my favourite colour is pink. I love to watch athletics and tennis but I'd rather play netball. I am very adventurous and I'm always seeking out new things to do. Very high-spirited and full of character. I love to laugh and can be quite comical. I look forward to bringing out the best in my children by helping them strive for excellence and forming new parental partnerships. Hope to see you all soon!

Dates for your diary

Monday 3rd July

- Moving up day - all children to spend the day in their new classes

Tuesday 4th July

Wednesday 5th July

- 5th July - Music Celebration (2pm) Parents welcome

Thursday 6th July

Friday 7th July

- Year 2 trip to Rockingham Castle

Coming up:

This Term's Virtue:

Perseverance



Piano Lessons: We have sent out letters for piano lessons for next academic year to the current pianists. If you would like your child to continue, please complete the form and return to the office as soon as possible.

If your child hasn't had piano lessons and would like to take them up next year, please speak to Miss Carter in the office to be added to the waiting list.

Attendance: We are still waiting for a whole class to achieve 100% attendance! With now only 3 weeks left of term, please ensure your child/ren are in school, on time, every day.

Holidays: Please ensure all holidays are booked within the school holidays. The EES have already fined three families this year for taking holiday during the school term. We would like to thank you in advance for next year.



Year 2 trip to Rockingham Castle: Next Friday, the whole of Year 2 will be visiting Rockingham Castle as part of their topic. We are still waiting for all contributions to be paid. Please can you ensure payment is made over the weekend as we will be making the decision on Monday whether we can go ahead with this trip. Thank you.



Spotlight on Year 1: This week in Year 1, we have been finding out facts about big cats and other jungle animals. We have looked carefully at animal patterns and their footprints and matched them to the correct animals. We created some fantastic soft pastel animal pictures too and we are learning a dance using animal movements to share with you soon.

In maths we have been learning the value of the different coins and putting them in the correct order from least to greatest and in English we have been reading stories and deciding which ones are our favourites, thinking about how we could be amazing authors and write our own exciting stories.

Friends of MAPS:
Dates for your diary

Term 6 – Ice Pop
Fridays – please remember to bring small change for an ice pop!

Summer Fete –
15th July – There will non-uniform (MUFTI) days on 30th June and 14th July to collect bottles and filled pint pots.

Please let the FoM know if you are able to help in anyway at any of the events.

Attendance this week:	
Reception Overall: 94.5%	Robins 94.3% Sparrows 94.7%
Year One Overall: 96.7%	Hedgehogs 97% Squirrels 97.2%
Year Two Overall: 97.8%	Foxes 99.3% Badgers 96.3%

Attendance

Well Done to Foxes class with 99.3% attendance for the week!

The winner of the Special Pebbles this week is Armstrong House with 574g