



## Reaching for the moon

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

**Term 1, Edition 4. Week ending 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

My apologies for having to shut the school early in order to fumigate the site. As you will know some False Widow Spiders were identified on the MAA site and as a precaution we are getting the whole site treated today. The site of men in chemical fumigation suits and gas masks, as well as the proximity to the gas itself is not something we are prepared to put our pupils through. Hence having to close early. I appreciate your support with this.

**A further reminder that we are closed on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October for a Trust wide training day.** School will reopen for pupils on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 8.30am. We wish you all a restful holiday.

Thank you to those of you who have responded to our travel survey. Making it easy for you to drop off your children safely is something we are committed to and work on constantly, and having the stats you have provided us with enables us to work with the council to ensure this is the case.

Please can you tell any interested parents with children due to start school in September 2019 about our Open Day on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 9am. It will last approximately 45 minutes to an hour. Please do spread the word and ask any interested parties to phone in to book a place if possible. Last year we were fully subscribed with first choice allocations, and we are hoping to maintain this, this year.

As you will know we now have Celebration Assembly on Fridays at 3.00. Please be aware that we are closing the doors to this at 3.05 sharp in order that the Assembly and children are not disturbed. So if you are intending to come, please be punctual to avoid disappointment.

Finally as we enter the winter months it is important that pupils wear the correct footwear for their various activities. For school shoes they need to be weather proof, and warm sturdy black shoes (no boots please). For those in the senior years (Yrs 3/4 ) they may want to think about wearing trainers for PE as opposed to the black regulation plimsolls. Trainers will provide their feet with better support as they do more explosive activities in PE. I am happy for any trainers to be worn so long as they are smart and well looked after. Lastly on footwear, a lot of the clubs we are putting on are outside: rugby, soccer, cross country etc. These really need specialist footwear to be worn – to go outside and try and do rugby in wet and cold conditions in plimsolls, is really not fair on the pupils. They need the grip of studs and the support of a boot. So please to provide suitable footwear for any clubs you sign up for.

Simon Northcott

### CLUBS /

### Important Dates

Mon 29<sup>th</sup> October

- School closed

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October

- School reopens
- Rugby (Y2-4)
- Hockey (Y2-4)

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October

- Gymnastics (Y1-4)
- Cross Country (Y2-4)

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November

- Shakespeare
- Soccer (Y1-2)
- Ocarina (Y1-4)
- New Reception 2019 open event 9am

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November

- Choir (Y3-4)
- Soccer (Y3-4)
- Chess (Y1-4)
- Lunchtime Choir (y1-2)

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November

- Hockey (Y2-4)
- Rugby (Y2-4)

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November

- Gymnastics (Y1-4)
- Cross Country (Y2-4)

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November

- Soccer (Y1-2)
- Shakespeare
- Ocarina (Y1-4)

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November



Congratulations to Scott House who won the Term 1 House points cup. They won a close competition but it was even closer between second and third – with only two pebbles separating MacArthur in second from Armstrong in third. It just goes to show that every pebble a child gets really does make a difference!

Well done to Roxanne the Scott House Captain

**DRET Northampton Soccer Tournament:** Our Year 3/4 pupils took to the field against other local DRET schools in a soccer tournament on 18<sup>th</sup> October. They were always going to be up against it as the other sides were all Year 6 and physically much bigger. However, our pupils battled hard and worked well as a team in order to put in some really commendable performances. Whilst we did not win a match we have learnt a lot about the next level up of soccer, and know what sort of things to work on. The whole experience of representing the school and playing with pride and honour proved to be really beneficial for the boys. I am very proud of their efforts and am sure that when the time comes and they are in Year 6, they can go on to really challenge for the trophy.



**Friends of MAPS:** FoM are pleased to announce that the discos this week raised £553, so a huge thank you to them.

The Friends of MAPS AGM is being held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November, 6.30pm at school. Everyone is welcome to come along to find out what we have been getting up to and our plans for the year ahead. We will also be holding elections for key positions if anyone would like to get more involved.

### **Reception – Year 2 Reading Sessions:**

We would like to invite you to a reading session to find out more about how we are teaching your child to read and also how you can support them at home. Even when your child is able to physically read words, there is still lots you can do to further support them to become confident and fluent readers. As part of the session, we will model how to encourage fluency, using a story teller voice and comprehension strategies.

Please come along to one of the following sessions:

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November @ 6pm or Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November @ 8.45am

### **Church School News**

On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018, four school representatives attended the service of Dedication and Thanksgiving at Peterborough Cathedral as part of being a church school. It was a lovely service and the children who attended really enjoyed this experience. Our thanks go to Mrs Peart and Mrs Pheasant for taking the children and also Mrs Newton (school governor) for attending.

