



MAPS Newsletter: guiding you through life at our school!

Term 3, Edition 16 Week Ending 5th January 2018

A message from Simon Northcott: A quick "Hello" to introduce myself as the new Headmaster of MAPS. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first few days here; the first day was a full day of INSET with the teachers, and they really impressed me with their planning and drive for excellent education for all of your children. However, schools are funny places without pupils in them so it was lovely to welcome the smiley, positive and bouncy pupils back on Thursday. They have given me a very warm welcome and I already feel part of the set up here.

I am looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible at our presentation evening on Tuesday 9th January at 5.30-6.30. This is a big launch by DRET, and includes an explanation of our vision for a world class education as well as feedback on the parent survey that so many of you took part in. We are hoping for as many of you as can possibly come – so do please try and make it.

I very much look forward to working with you to ensure your children get the very best education possible, as it is clearly documented that the school parent partnership is the most important element in ensuring success in education.

See you on Tuesday,
Simon Northcott.



Happy New Year: It has been lovely to see the children back after Christmas. We hope you all had a great holiday and are feeling fresh for the term ahead. We have attached the termly forecasts this week to inform you of your child's learning for the term, we hope you find these useful.

Parent Reading Sessions: A reminder that the parent reading sessions start next week. Mondays at 3.15pm and Wednesdays at 8.30am. We hope you will be able to spare some time to join us for these sessions.

Year 3 Greek Day: A fantastic way to start the term and the new topic. We had lots of Greek food to taste including halloumi, feta parcels and hummus. Please see the learning forecast for further information on what the Year 3's will be learning this term.

Dates for your diary

Monday 8th January

- 6.30pm FOM meeting
- All welcome to attend

Tuesday 9th January

- 5.30pm Headteachers Introduction - everyone to attend please

Wednesday 10th January

- Mr Northcott out all day

Thursday 11th January

- Boys Choir workshop at St Matthew's Church

Friday 12th January

Coming up:

This Term's
Virtue:
Gratitude

Our Christian Virtues

Gratitude Patience
Perseverance Responsibility
Respect Kindness



Holidays during Term Time: A reminder that holidays during term time will not be authorised. Please ensure you only take holidays during the school holidays. Our aim is to achieve 97+% attendance for the year, we hope that you will assist in this by ensuring your child is in school, on time, every day.

PE Kits: Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school, including outer wear during the colder months.

Dance Troop: Yesterday, we had our Dance Artist in Residence in school. Miss Coles will be here every Thursday morning, teaching Years 2 and 3 this term, Reception and Y1 next term. There is also an opportunity for your child to take part in a lunch dance club on a Thursday which will prepare them for the Dance Festival with other DRET primary schools on 29th June. This is a fantastic opportunity for 30 children from MAPS to show off their dancing skills. Please have a chat with your child over the weekend and if this club is something they are interested in, letters will be going out early next week to sign up. The club is open to all years but there are only 30 places available.

Donations to the Children's Wards: It was a great pleasure delivering the donations of gifts to Northampton General Hospital at the end of last term. A huge thank you to you all for your donations from us and the children's wards.

Friends of MAPS: Our next Friends of MAPS meeting will be held on Monday 8th January at 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

MyED: There are still a few families who have not yet downloaded the MyED app. This is a great communication tool and we will be sending all information via the app, including school reports, newsletters, term dates and weekly updates. If you are having trouble accessing or downloading the app, please come into the office and see Miss Carter for further assistance. For those of you that have downloaded the app, I hope you are finding it useful and informative. If there is anything else you would like on the app, again, please speak to Miss Carter.



Attendance this week:	
Reception Overall: 98.7%	Robins 100% Sparrows: 97.5%
Year One Overall 97%	Hedgehogs 97.4% Squirrels 96.6%
Year Two Overall: 93.8%	Foxes 94.2% Badgers 93.3%
Year 3 Overall: 94.2%	Lions: 95.8% Tigers: 92.5%

Attendance

Well Done to Robins with

100%

attendance for the week!

Whole School Weekly attendance: 95.9%
Whole School Year to Date attendance: 97.9%

We are amongst the attendance stars this week with whole school attendance of 95.9%. Our aim is to be 97%+



Crack down on lateness: Please ensure your child is in school on time. This week we have lost 48 minutes of learning due to lateness of children.