



Reaching for the moon

MAPS Newsletter: guiding you through life at our school!

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Dear Parents

I always see this section of the year as the business part of the year where we really crack on with learning. Everyone has settled in and pupils make rapid progress. In order to maximise this please can we ask for your full support at home. Every little bit of support you can give your children with their learning; their reading; their home learning really does make a difference. Please also insist on good presentation and 'going the extra mile' in terms of effort and perseverance. As always if there is something your class teacher can help you with – please do ask them. Your child's progress is a result of you working with us to get the best out of them. This teamwork is vital.

Next week we have a focus in school on Kindness. It is officially Anti Bullying week, but rather than focus on bullying, we prefer to focus on the positive side of things and on making kind choices. Again, anything you can do at home to support this would be fantastic and would ensure the message was embedded.

My thanks go to all my staff for the superb menu of after school clubs that they put on between 3.30 and 4.30. I am always looking for volunteers to help put on new clubs – so if you have a passion that you would like to share please do contact us and we will see if we can add it to the array of clubs on offer. As the weather turns less positive – please can you ensure that if your child is doing a club outside (Cross country running, Rugby, Soccer etc) that they have suitable clothes and especially footwear. We are going to be stricter about not letting pupils go and do rugby in school shoes, or muddy cross country in black plimsolls etc. They must have suitable footwear please.

Finally, Many thanks for your understanding regarding the closure of the school due to the false widow spiders. We have been assured that everything possible has been completed to get rid of the spiders. The company are confident that the fumigation was successful but as always, we will be vigilant in and around the school and keep you up to date.

Many thanks for your support

Simon

Bookbags: Since receiving the incorrect book bags at the beginning of the month, we now have the correct style book bags in, but they are red. Obviously this is not what we ordered so we will be returning these and hopefully have the correct one in a week or so. Apologies for the delay in this but this is out of our control.



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Important Dates

Mon 12th November

- Author Visit

Tuesday 13th November

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

Wednesday 14th November

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

Thursday 15th November

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

Friday 16th November

Monday 19th November

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

Tuesday 20th November

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

Wednesday 21st November

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

Thursday 22nd November

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

Friday 23rd November

Due to the closure of the school on Monday, we have had to postpone the flu vaccines. This will be rescheduled as soon as possible – we are just waiting to hear back from the school nurses.

We have had an exciting start to the term, new clubs have started, and are very popular. Please note that the deadline for applying for a place on the clubs has now passed and you will have to wait until after Christmas to re-apply. On this note, we will be setting up the club requests in a slightly different way next time. It will be processed through the same site as the parents' evenings, selecting the club for your child. Please have a look out for the link which will be sent before Christmas ready for the return to school after Christmas.



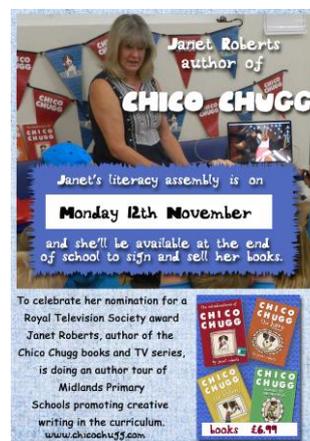
Remembrance Service: Thank you to all parents who attended our remembrance service today, and a special mention to Miss Chrissy and Mrs Stevenson for creating a spectacular remembrance reflection room for the pupils.



Next week we have the pleasure of welcoming author Janet Roberts into school, when she will be taking to the children and reading her new book, Chico Chugg. Janet will also be selling signed copies of the book after school at £6.99 each if you would like to purchase one.

Headlice: We have had a couple of cases of headlice in school recently, please ensure you check your child's hair regularly and treat as per the guidance.

Uniform: Can you please ensure all uniform is named. We are often asked to look for unnamed items at the beginning and the end of the day which, with 300 pupils, can often be an impossible task. The lost property that is named will be returned to the children, all other items will be placed in the lost property bins in the disabled toilet within the main reception.



Children in Need Next Friday, 16th November, we will be celebrating Children in Need day. All children are invited to come into school wearing their own clothes, spotty if possible, in return for a donation of £1. During the afternoon, KS1 will be preparing cakes and biscuits that will then be sold after school. Thank you in advance for the support.

A reminder that it is The Friends of MAPS AGM on Monday 19th 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.

Save the date for The Friends of MAPS Children's Christmas event on Friday 7th December, 3.30 – 5.30pm. More details to follow. We even have a special visitor!

Church School News

This week we have had a visit by the Diocese who have gone through our plans and practice in the school. They commented on how well organised we all were and what progress the school was making. The School is also off to the Diocese conference where the main topic is "Why a sense of belonging is so important in schools".