

# **Newsletter**

Friday 2nd July 2021

# **MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD**

As we approach the end of the term we are starting to look back at what has been achieved during this very unusual year. We had a governor's meeting this week in which the main focus was the curriculum and what is happening within the classrooms and it was quite amazing to see how much there was to reflect on from September when we welcomed the whole school back together after many months in lockdown to the plans we made for ensuring the children were settled back in with a whole school project. Then moving to the Spring Term where we moved back into lockdown and mid March where we welcomed the children's return to school. It really is remarkable that we end the year with well-rounded individuals!

During the same meeting we discussed the progress of the children and whether the impact of the lockdown was being effectively reduced. Staff are working hard to ensure that the children are being supported in the teaching and learning and where additional support is required there is a raft of intervention going on across the school. This is where some of our Covid Catch-Up Funding has been used to provide adults and resources where the need is greater than can be met during general lessons.

We have supported a large number of children across the school with additional maths interventions, reading and phonics interventions and speech and language. The children are responding well to these and the impact of them will be evaluated to ensure that the children are being targeted appropriately. The interventions are run alongside the core subjects but are done to ensure that children are away from the classroom with minimal impact on their involvement in other curriculum subjects - we do not want any child missing out.

Our focus on reducing the impact will continue into next year as with the number of months of disruption we have faced we want to ensure that the children have the knowledge and understanding they need fully embedded rather than rushing to 'catch up'. We would hope that by the end of next year the impact of lockdown would be showing greatly reduced adverse effects on the progress and attainment of the children. We also have a number of strategies that we will share with you at the start of next year to help you to continue to support your child from home too.

Staff are also continuing their work on transition to ensure that information is passed on to the class teacher for next year. They are getting to know the children as and when they see them around the school and are already thinking about adaptations that may need to be made to plans for September.

School reports will be out in the next couple of weeks and you should be able to see whether your child is working at age related expectations or working towards it. More information will accompany these.

There will be more to share with you as we continue to reflect on this year over the next couple of weeks but until then I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

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Head: Mrs Cath Bainbridge Deputy Head: Miss Amy Hyde



# MAPLE TREE KIDS CLUB

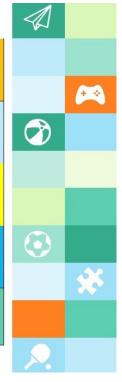
We are open for the summer holidays!

26<sup>th</sup> July -20<sup>th</sup> August.

If you are looking for childcare then please email <a href="mapletreekidsclub@googlemail.com">mapletreekidsclub@googlemail.com</a> or call after (3pm) 07950 592745 and speak to Kerry or Mandy. Please provide a pack lunch and water bottle. Snacks Included.

# Week 1 and Week 3

Monday	Clay modelling Make and Take	Fork Painting Tulips	
Tuesday	Cold Cooking Fruit Kebabs	Beaded Chains and Bracelets	
Wednesday	Water Pistol Painting	Dream Catchers Make and Take	
Thursday	Yarn Butterflies Make and Take	Sensory Play Cornflour	
Friday	Scavenger Hunt in large playground	Film Friday Children's Choice	





Sessions offered are:

AM 8.00 -1.00 @ £12.00

PM 1.00 - 6.00 @ £12.00

All Day 8.00am - 6.00pm

@ £24.00

In addition to planned activities, children will have access to a selection of games, play equipment, arts and craft resources with further opportunity to use the outdoor gym equipment, playgrounds, the computer suite and the Sports Hall.

#### Week 2 and Week 4

Monday	Hama Beads	Pebble Rock Painting
Tuesday	Mini Sports Games	Chubbie Paints Markers
Wednesday	Rainbow Fish Weaving	Glass Painting Jars Make and Take
Thursday	Cooking Chocolate Cup Cakes	Team Board Games
Friday	Water Fun hosepipe and water games	Bingo



# **SPORTS DAY**

The sports day gods were on our side this year and we were lucky enough to have two dry days! Firstly, I wanted to say a massive thank you to Miss Milne, Mrs Scott and all the staff who worked hard to make the two days run smoothly. As I am writing this, I can hear the cheers of KS2 as they are running their races and as such I don't have any photos to share from today but below are a few photos from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Next week there will be many more photos in the newsletter and on our website for you to enjoy.



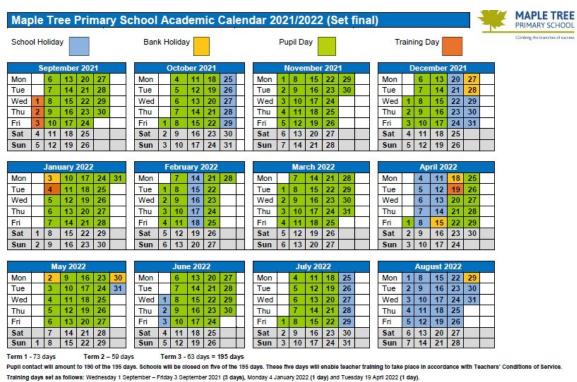












## **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

5/6/8th July Year 6 trip
Monday 5th July 9.15am
and 6pm—New to
Reception parent meeting

**Thursday 15th July** Reports out

Wednesday 21st July Term ends

Thursday 22nd July INSET day

### **NEW TERM**

**1/2/3 Sept** INSET days **Monday 6th September** New Term Starts





Dates for 2022-2023 will be uploaded to our website soon.