

# **Newsletter**

Friday 17th September 2021



# **MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD**

It has been a great week in school this week. The children are really getting to grips with their new topics and we have been impressed with the way they have settled into new routines across the school.

We like to celebrate events beyond the curriculum objectives too and yesterday was National

Teaching Assistant Day so we celebrated the hard work and efforts that our amazing team of TAs put in day after day. They work tirelessly to ensure that the teachers and the children have what they need and are often seen supporting small groups of children as well as working hard with everyone within the class. Our TAs are fabulous and we really couldn't do our job without them so a very **BIG THANKYOU** to them all!

We also had our first Celebration assembly this morning. During these I award Headteacher Awards to children who have been recognised for something special. They are nominated by their class teacher and the whole school listens to reasons as to why they have been chosen and they are then applauded for their excellence. The children nominated this week are mentioned on the next page.

We look forward to seeing you at our 'Meet the Teacher' mornings next week. Dates and times can be found over the page (please note that there is no date for Early Years as Reception parents had their meeting before the end of last term). During these meetings you will hear about our curriculum expectations as well as the day to day routines the children have. Presentations from this will then be shared on our website for those unable to attend due to work commitments. We will also be sending home information in the next couple of weeks about the themes and topics the children are learning this term.

Next week we will share the results of the Parent Survey that was sent out at the end of last term. Feedback is always welcome - we are always looking to reflect on what we do at Maple Tree and tweak things where necessary - though positive comments are also most welcome! We have a 'Fabulous Feedback' section on our website for prospective parents as well as our current community and are always looking to add to this so if you want to share something positive please feel free to do so!

I will also give you more information next week about how we are hoping that everyone in our school community will be part of our 'everyone a leader...everyone a learner' focus for this year. It will be good to see us all working together. Have a lovely weekend!

## Communication

We have a number of ways we can be contacted should you need to:

**School office** - you can visit the school office at drop off or pick up time to speak to a member of the office

**Phone:** 01767 699806 to speak to a member of staff or leave a message

**Email:** office@mapletreeprimaryschool.com Please use this for contacting staff rather than using individual staff emails. Your message will be passed on to the staff member who will then respond.



#### **Covid Outbreak Management Plan**

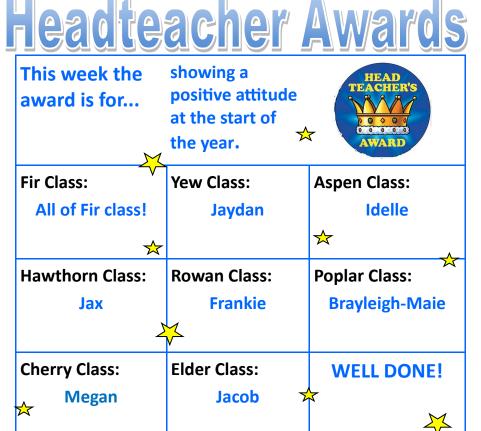
Along with this newsletter you will receive a copy of our Covid Outbreak
Management Plan which documents the measures we will put in place should we find ourselves in a position where we have a local or national outbreak.

Our risk assessment is also on our website which we will review at the end of September. We will communicate any changes to you at that time.

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**Message for our new parents:** If you think there is something that you have missed out on or are unsure of, please do contact the school office who will pass your query on to the relevant member of staff. We are happy to help.

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 20th Sept 9am KS1 Meet the teacher
Tuesday 21st Sept 9am LKS2 Meet the teacher
Wednesday 22nd Sep 9am UKS2 Meet the Teacher
Friday 24th September Macmillan Cake Sale
Wednesday 29th September7.30pm FoMT AGM
Tuesday 5th October Individual photographs
Wednesday 20th October Parents' Evening
Thursday 21st October Parents' Evening
Week beg 25th October Half Term Week
Monday 1st November Term starts
Friday 19th November Children in Need
Friday 17th December Term Ends





This is an opportunity for you to come along and hear about the expectations on your child(ren) during their school day and to see what they are learning this year:

KS1 Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September 9.00 – 9.30am LKS2 Tuesday 21st September 9.00 – 9.30am UKS2 Wednesday 22nd September 9.00 - 9.30am

These will be held in the school hall. We ask that only one parent from each family attends and that you wear a mask when you are in the building. Please come in through the hall door. On the day of your presentation it is ok to move against the one-way system if you need to drop children off at the back of the school first.

The presentations will be uploaded onto the website following these meetings for parents who are unable to attend due to work commitments.