



Maple Class Newsletter

September 2021



Welcome to St. Mary and St. Joseph's!

We have had a wonderful first week in Maple Class!

The children have been having lots of fun and are making new friends, whilst getting used to all our new routines together.

Welcome

Morning routine

How wonderful to see the children coming into school so independently. We are very proud of them and know that you are too.

A little reminder that the children in Maple class can arrive any time between 8.40-8.55am. This is in line with the rest of the school. The gate will be locked at 8.55am, so should you arrive after this time please drop your child to the school office and Mrs Heath will bring them up to the classroom.



A few reminders

- **Water bottles/Snack**

Please ensure your child brings in a **clearly named** water bottle for the classroom which is accessible to them throughout the day. Also, they should bring in a piece of fruit for morning snack time. The afternoon snack is provided by the government scheme, encouraging children to eat their '5 a day'.

- **Uniform**

The children look so smart in their uniforms. Please ensure that all items of uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name. As you can imagine this makes our job easier at the end of the day when we are trying to match children up to jumpers and ties!



Reading

Please ensure book bags are now in school every day. From Friday the children will be bringing home picture books for you to share together. When you have read together please sign the reading record.

In a few weeks' time, once we have started our phonics programme, the children will begin to bring home books with simple decodable words which use the letters we have been learning in class.

Hopefully you will have by now received the booklet in your child's bookbag explaining how we teach reading at St Mary & St Joseph's. If for any reason this is not the case, please let me know.

Tapestry Learning Journal

Please ensure the school office has your e-mail address so that we are able to give you a login for this app. I am hoping everybody will have access to this by the end of the month. Tapestry will be used to log KEY milestones in the children's learning, as well as being used as a useful tool of communication between home and school. It is also used for the recording of any practical tasks you may be asked to do as home-learning.

School Website

Photographs of the children engaging in their learning will regularly be shared on the school website on the Maple Class page.

Look out for our 'Having Fun and Making Friends' album, showing what we have been up to in our first week in Maple Class!

Mrs Hall

