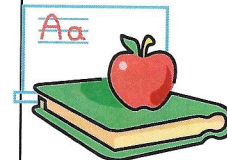


Maple Class Newsletter

Friday 18th September 2020



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

We have had a wonderful couple of weeks 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 so many children coming into school independently. We are very proud of them and know that you are too.

Due to the fact the children have settled so quickly we would like to request that from **Monday 21st September** the children in Maple class 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 Monday 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. I will send home a booklet explaining this in more detail at the time.

Due to the current situation, we will only be able to change books on **Mondays** and **Fridays** for now.

Tapestry

Please ensure the school office has your e-mail address so that we are able to give you a login for this app.

For these first two weeks I have been focusing on PSED strand of the **baseline assessment** and have many lovely observations to share with you. I am hoping to be able to give you access this to this by the end of the month.



Staying Healthy!

Medicine

If your child requires regular medicine, such as an asthma inhaler, you will need to complete a consent form and bring the named medicine to school. We are only able to give medicines that have been prescribed by the doctor. If your child needs any other prescribed medicines, you would need to sign a medicine permission form from the school office.

Nits and Headlice

Nits and headlice are an unfortunate hazard in schools, especially amongst the younger children! To prevent the spread of headlice please ensure any long hair is tied back and that you check your child's hair regularly.

Changing clothes

If your child wets, soils or dirties their clothes we will change them into clean, dry clothes. Your own clothes will be returned to you in a plastic bag. Please make sure that you wash, dry and return the borrowed clothes as soon as you can so that they may be used by another child. We have a limited supply of clothes and do not want to run out! If you know your child may be prone to toilet accidents it may be useful to send in a complete change of clothes in a bag which we will keep on their peg.

Illness at school

Young children can become ill quickly and this could happen whilst they are at school. If your child becomes ill we will contact you immediately and ask you to come and collect them. It is **vital** that we have the correct emergency contact details for you. Please keep us informed if you, or your emergency contacts, change phone numbers. It can be very distressing for young children to be at school when they are very poorly and only the comfort of their own mummy/daddy/grandparents will do.

School lunches

Many of you have signed your children up for the school lunches. Due to Covid19 this is currently in the form of a packed lunch. Due to many parents asking how much the children are eating, we are sending home the brown bags to enable you to see what has not been eaten.

Please feel free to take a 'pick & mix' approach and only book your child a school lunch if it is going to appeal to them.

Milk

A reminder that it is not too late to sign your child up from milk which we have during our afternoon snack time. The original website details were in the welcome pack which you were sent in the summer term. However, if you can't find this, please contact the school office.

Pupil Premium

If you are in receipt of some benefits, your child may be eligible for a Pupil Premium. Please contact the school office if you think this may apply to you.

End of the Day

The gate for Reception children will be open from 3pm until 3.15pm.

If for any reason you are going to be late, please inform the school office. Likewise, if somebody other than you is collecting your child, please let us know.

Maple Class topic this half term is **Marvellous Me**.

Please see attached plan for information about the activities and areas of learning we will be covering at school. Please use this information to help support your child's learning at home.

In our **Religious Education** our first topic is 'Creation'.

This unit is designed to nurture an understanding of the world around us. It introduces the children to God as creator of all that they see around them and the idea of giving thanks. It helps the children understand that they, their talents and gifts are God-given. It helps them understand that we have special signs to show we give God praise and that we can find out about God from the Bible.