

"To move, to breathe, to fly, to float; to gain all while you give. To roam the roads of lands remote, to travel is to live." - Hans Christian Anderson

## celebrating success

### Attendance

Maple class had the highest attendance last week with 99%. Whole school was 97.37%. Please don't forget to ring 01670 822326 if your child is going to be late or unable to attend school. Thank you.

### Star of the Week

Star of the Week Certificates were all given to the following children: Aimieleigh Marshall, Sophia Halliday, Jack Simpson, Jessica Hall, Georgia Fullen and Kierene Chrisp. These children all had Star Tea with Mr Sutherland due to their exemplary attitude.

### Head Teacher Awards

The following children were all given a Head Teacher Award Certificate for their outstanding work last week: Thomas Aiston, Kelsey-Leigh Gair, Kalisha Cunningham, Jamie Mason, Carla Rowlands and Bailey Chivers. Well done to all of you and keep up the good work!

### Ice Cream Friday

The following children all had ice cream sundaes at Ice-cream Friday last week: Grace Challoner, Zak Turner, Mya Armstrong, Faith Aiston, Rhianna Hallows and Emilia Rudnicka. These children were rewarded because of their outstanding behaviour.

## important information

### Nut Allergies - A Reminder

You may be aware that we have a small number of children in school who can be affected, to varying degrees, by nut allergies. It is important that parents and carers keep the school informed if their child is affected by such allergies so that we can keep our records up to date and ensure that relevant staff across the school are informed. Naturally, it is vital that our medical records are as accurate as possible and staff are already receiving updated training from external professionals, whether this concerns nut allergies or other medical needs. Whilst the school building and grounds are not sterile areas, I feel it is important to limit, as far as we are able, the possibility of nuts adversely affecting the children who may become ill if they come into contact with them. To this end, I have taken steps to remove peanut butter products from our Breakfast Club, as well as obvious nut based cereals such as Crunchy Nut Cornflakes. I must stress that, as a school, we cannot police every food item that comes into the building, and I am aware that many foodstuffs are not prepared in sterile areas at the manufacturers, but we can try to limit the chances of these children coming into contact with something that may cause them harm. May I therefore, respectfully ask as parents and carers that you kindly give this some thought when providing packed lunches including sandwiches and snacks for your child so that we can limit, as far as possible, any chance of these children coming into contact with nut products. Thank you! It is greatly appreciated.

### Advance Notice - Some Plans for the Year

I am currently looking at options to replace the delapidated Bike Shed that we currently have on the yard which has certainly seen better days. Whilst it is fairly easy to just purchase a Bike Shed, I want at the same time to look at our whole school cycling and scooter provision. In the interests of ensuring that children do have the opportunity to cycle to school with their parents' permission but that they do so safely, I want to introduce a Cycling and Scooter Contract sometime during the next term. Basically, if we provide a safe and secure area for the children to lock their bike and scooter, together with their helmet and training as we have done through the Bikeability scheme, then the children will agree to lock their bike or scooter up properly, put their helmet away securely, and of course, not ride it around the yard. This has worked successfully in other schools; the children and parents as well as school "sign a contract" to be safe and responsible with their bike or scooter. This contract can of course be revoked if it is not adhered to, meaning that the child would no longer be able to bring their bike to school until the matter was resolved. This is a matter close to my heart and my only agenda is the safety of the children on their way to school as well as all those who access our yard on foot at the beginning and end of every day. It should be noted that this has also been brought up by our School Council as an important matter for them and many of their peers around school. I will, of course, give you further information as we move along with our plan but as always, if you have a constructive opinion or an idea, I am very happy to listen. Thank you.

I am also meeting with staff about the purchase of new dining tables and chairs / benches for lunchtimes. I am conscious that we have had the current tables for a long time and they need to be replaced soon. We are looking at several different options including possibly having round tables, but as a small school, one of the biggest issues we have is storage space and we need the solution to work for lunch time and the children, after school activities and sometimes external use or staff training. Again, I will keep you updated as to our progress over the coming weeks.

The Play Patch installation in Early Years and Grand Opening moves ever closer! Make sure you keep reading the Station Voice every week for further information.

#### **MacMillan Coffee Afternoon – Friday September 29th at 2.15pm**

Please come along and support our MacMillan Coffee Afternoon next week in the School Hall if you can. There will be coffee, tea, cakes, biscuits and raffle tickets for sale and, bearing in mind what I have written above, care will be taken by all concerned not to include peanuts or related products. All proceeds will go to MacMillan Cancer Support. Entry to the Coffee Afternoon will be made through the blue gates in the car park with a member of the PTA on hand to guide you. These events are always very popular so please come along to support. Thank you.

#### **Crispy Cakes on sale in school**

Crispy cakes will be on sale in the school yard from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 3.00pm. Crispy cakes are 20p each and are available on a first come first serve basis. Money raised will go towards our fundraising efforts for MacMillan Cancer Support.

#### **Little Starts- Mother and toddler group**

There are a number of spaces available for the Mother and toddler group, Little Stars, which runs on Monday and Wednesday afternoons in the Community Room. There is a charge of £1.50 per session.