



# Maple Class

## Information Letter Autumn A



### WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back! We hope you've had a lovely summer break and we are very excited to be welcoming you into Maple class and year 2! Mrs Brown is so pleased to be teaching you all again and Miss Borne is really looking forward to getting to know you all.

This autumn, although some restrictions have changed, we will still be operating parts of the school day in bubbles, so Maple class will be in Bubble 1 with Ash class.

### NEW CLASSROOM!

Mrs Brown and Miss Borne have been working hard over the summer holidays to prepare an exciting curriculum for you and set up a lovely classroom. Here's a sneak preview of the reading area in your new Maple classroom.



### WILLOW CLASS ADULTS

**Class Teachers:** Mrs Brown (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday); Miss Borne (Thursday, Friday)

**PE Teacher:** Achieve4All

**Music Teacher:** Mr Kip Pratt

If you have any queries about your child's learning, we are more than happy to discuss them with you and will try our best to help. Please feel free to book a telephone appointment with either class teacher at the office, and one of us can contact you at a time that is convenient.

### MEDICATION

The school can only administer prescribed medication, which needs to be left in the office with a signed permission form. Any other medication, including over-the-counter medications, will need to be administered by parents/guardians.



### DAILY BRAIN BREAKS AND EXERCISE

We are continuing to learn about our minds through Mind Up. This will be focussed upon during PSHE lessons but also incorporated in other parts of the day in the form of 'brain breaks' and 'chime time'. This will give the children an opportunity to take a rest from their learning for a few minutes and to recuperate their brains. In addition to this, we will be having 2 hours of P.E. each week and regular physical exercise breaks where the children can partake in fun games that give them the opportunity to be physically active.

### TIMETABLE

An example timetable for a week in Maple Class will also be uploaded to the school website where you can see the general timings and lessons for each day. Please note that this is only a guide. It remains flexible so that we can accommodate ambitious activities for the different subjects, which may require extra time. Therefore, the timetable is subject to occasional changes where teachers feel it is beneficial or necessary.

Here are some general timings for the school, for your information.

**Arrival time:** 8:40am

**Registration:** 8:50am - 9:00am

**Morning break:** 10:30am – 10:45am

**Lunch:** 12:00pm – 1:00pm

Maple class won't have an afternoon playtime, but will have a 'rest and read' time daily, where the teacher will read a longer book to the children whilst they eat a snack.

**Assembly:** For Maple Class, assemblies will take place on Tuesday and Thursday mornings as well as a Celebration Assembly on a Friday afternoon.

**End of day:** 3:10pm

**Change of entrance/exit:** As the new Maple classroom is in the centre of the school building, children will now use the main entrance ( main reception) door at the start and finish of each day.

If your child is being collected by anyone different, please notify the class teacher or the office. Please try not to congregate with other parents on the playground at drop off/pick up times and please keep your child with you.



## **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

As always, the children will be expected to wear the correct uniform to school each day. Details of the school uniform requirements can be found on the school website. As Health and Safety is so prominent these days, we ask that all jewellery is kept at home with the exception of stud earrings. All children with long hair must tie it back and children's hair should be a natural colour. Please note that the wearing of nail varnish is not permitted in school. Please ensure your child has a raincoat in school, preferably that can fit into their bag. We ask you to label all items of footwear and clothing with your child's name or initials, including items in their P.E. kit and their coat. We also ask that both your child's drink bottle and snack are marked with their initials or name, to avoid confusion when children have the same bottle or snack. Given the current situation we are in, this is especially important and if something is not named, we will label it for your child.



## **STAYING HEALTHY**

As a school, we encourage the children to bring healthy snacks into school for break time and to have a balanced lunch.

Whilst we always want the children to feel special on their birthdays, we also ask that birthday cakes and treats are not brought into school in line with our healthy eating policy. It also helps us to ensure that the wishes of all families are considered and some may not wish their children to be given cake or sweet treats. Your understanding and co-operation with this are much appreciated.

May we also take the opportunity to remind you that we are a 'nut-free' school and, as such, we have in place school-wide measures that will keep all individuals with allergies safe. We are asking for wider parental support in the following ways:

- Please avoid sending nuts or products containing nuts (where known or possible) into school. This includes peanut butter.
- Please talk to your children about the importance of not sharing their food with other children.
- Please talk to your child about the importance of washing hands thoroughly both before and after eating.

Whilst we do not want to limit the food choices for our families, we do want to make sure that everyone at our school is safe and well and hope that you understand the reasons behind our above requests.

## **HYGIENE**

We will be continuing to use good hygiene in school and remind children to wash their hands at regular intervals throughout the day. As hand gel contains strong chemicals, they will be encouraged to wash their hands rather than use sanitiser as much as possible. Your help in reminding the how to wash and dry their hands thoroughly (and flush the toilet after using it) will be greatly appreciated.

## **READING**

As a school, we are really trying to promote reading for pleasure. This can be encouraged through the children enjoying an independent reading book, sharing a book with an adult or even listening to an audiobook. Please keep supporting to your child by listening to them **read daily** at home. Please talk to them about their books to encourage them to develop an enjoyment of reading and to improve their comprehension skills. Please take the time to record the name of the reading book and any comments every time you hear your child read. We will record that we have read your comments with a stamp or comment back.



## **HOMEWORK**

This year children will start to have homework. We will set homework every Thursday, which should be handed in the following week on Tuesday. The homework will either be a piece of maths or English from specific homework books that we will give to you and will support learning in school. Please let us know if your child has any problems completing the homework as soon as possible so that we can help.

## **P.E. & GAMES**

The children in the school will have P.E. for two hours each week. Maple class sessions will be taught by Mrs Brown on Tuesdays and by Acheive4All on Fridays. Please ensure that the children come to school in PE kit on both our PE days (Tuesday and Friday).

We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021!

Best wishes,  
Mrs Brown and Miss Borne.