

Dear Everyone,

As always, everyone at school is working hard to support the children with their learning. With that in mind, we wish all the children good luck with their SATs in Year 6 and in Year 2. SATs are one way of measuring a child's progress and the school has consistently good results. However, I am sure you would all agree, we would not want children achieving the top level in a reading test at Year 6, only never to pick up a book again due to having no love of reading or learning. At Maple Cross we want to create lifelong learners, not just children who perform well in an exam. With that in mind, as a school, we work hard to promote learning as our main aim and we apply this approach to statutory testing. We realise this can sometimes feel like a more pressurised time, but as with all learning, all we can ask the learners to do is to try their best. Please reinforce this message with all of the children.

On another note, it is also getting to that time of the year when we start to think about allocating teachers to classes. As with all years, the school takes time to consider a range of information in forming these decisions. This includes the strengths of previous and future teachers, current data, learning attitudes and a range of other factors. These decisions take time and reflection and nothing is ever certain until the 1st of September. Thank you for your patience while we take time to arrange the best possible provision for your children.

Finally, I am delighted with the positive feedback from our inter-generational conversations. These opportunities allow us to recognise the importance of learning from and with each other and ensuring that we don't forget that it is only when we, as a community, are all working together, that we can achieve our best. We have one or two slots available after half term if there is anyone else out there keen to share their own special dish with the rest of the community. Some of us will like it and some of us won't. That's life!

Thank you for your continuing support.

Yours sincerely,

Duncan Roberts

Headteacher

School Census Day- Thursday 17th May

It is that time of the term again when we have to submit our school census. Funding for school dinners for our Reception and Key Stage 1 children is dependent on the number of meals taken on the census day, Thursday 17th May. We will be offering a free school meal to all our children eligible under the Universal Free School meal scheme on Thursday unless your child has dietary restrictions which do not allow the school to provide a meal. You may also send your child in with a pack lunch in case they do not like the school option. Please let the office know if you have any questions.

The menu for Thursday is

Main Course

- 'R' Chicken Pie
- 'G' Vegetarian Hot Dogs
- Carrots & Pees
- 'Y' Ham Packed Lunch

Desert/Pudding

- Fresh Fruit Salad with homemade biscuit and Jelly
- Slice of water melon and biscuit
- Yoghurt
- Cheese & Crackers



Chicken Pox

We have had a number of reported cases of Chicken Pox in our Reception and Nursery class.

PTA

Rickmansworth Parade - Saturday 12th May

Please join us at our annual procession from 12.30pm at St Joan of Arc School.

Judging will commence from 12.45pm, 1.30pm start.

Every year there is a wide variety of walking floats; this year we are celebrating the Royal Wedding theme.

Please dress in Red, White or Blue and wave our flags (provided) to celebrate the start of Ricky Week.

Please also join us after the Parade for a snack and a drink at our stand at the May Fair, in the grounds of St Mary's Church, before visiting the stalls, rides and entertainment.

A great family day out for all.

Special events coming up shortly:

Mufti Day – Friday 18th May

Royal Wedding Mufti Day. Remember to send your child to school wearing Red, White and/or blue, and send in cakes for the tea party after school.

Summer Fayre – Saturday 9th June

It won't be long before the summer fayre is upon us. If you would like to become involved with the preparation or to offer time on the day, please contact a member of the PTA who will appreciate any help parents can give. Please e-mail them on 'maplecrosspta@hotmail.co.uk'

Summer Disco Friday 20th July

At the club - last day of term – 16:30 (with time to go to the school's film club before).

There are plans for Pizza!

DIARY DATES

May 2018

Monday 14 th	SAT's Week Year 6
Monday 14 th	FGB Meeting 6pm
Wednesday 16 th	Year 4 & 5 Cross Country (Little Green)
Friday 18 th	Royal Wedding Mufti Day wear Red, white and/or blue - Cakes (for the tea party)
Friday 18 th	Royal Wedding Tea Party 3.15pm (in the community room)
Monday 21 st	PGL Year 6 week away
Tuesday 22 nd	Years 3 & 4 visit Natural History Museum
Friday 25 th	Mufti Day - Bottles (for summer fair tombola)
Monday 28 th May – Friday 1 st June	School Closed for Half Term Holiday

June 2018

Tuesday 5 th	3:30pm Quick Cricket
Tuesday 5 th	Year 1 & 2-Hatfield House Trip
Thursday 7 th	PTA Meeting 7.30pm Maple Cross Club
Friday 8 th	Mufti Day - Buddy Colour Gifts (for summer fair tombola)
Saturday 9 th	Summer Fair – 12-3pm
Tuesday 12 th	3:30pm-Rounder's V Chorleywood (home)
Friday 15 th	Reception Trip
Friday 15 th	Special Person Day – details nearer the time

Letters Sent Home This Week



Year 6	Getting ready for SATs week
Year 1 & 2	Hatfield House school trip – reply needed