

# Maple and Willow Weekly

## Newsletter Friday 22nd January 2021



### Dear Parents

As we end another week, we would like to begin by thanking you all for your continuous support during this challenging time. The heart-warming compliments that you share have enabled us to feel safe in the knowledge that we are supporting you all in the best possible way we can. From remote learning, to live story time we are endeavouring to continue to deliver a curriculum that balances learning needs across all areas of development. Receiving such memorable comments has certainly boosted positive energy! Thank you!

For the children that have been coming to school each day we have enjoyed sharing time together and thinking about the changes that are happening, not only within our setting, but throughout the world at the moment. We have been incredibly impressed with the way in which everyone has adapted and seeing our friends on Live Stream has enabled us all to stay connected. On that note, we would like to add that the Live Stream is changing slightly next week. To allow us more time to check in and share stories we are reducing our class sessions to two a week but extending each session to 15 minutes. We hope that this works for you all but please let us know, by emailing the office, if you have any questions or concerns.

These are the timings of the sessions for next week: **Monday and Friday 2.30pm – 2.45pm.**

We would like to take this opportunity to gently remind you of our remote learning package. As you are aware all remote learning for year one children is uploaded daily to Google classroom and is available to access from 9.15am each school morning. All work for that day needs to be submitted by 3pm Monday to Thursday and 12pm on a Friday. For reception children Tapestry is their remote learning platform and weekly lessons, stories and activities are ready for them to use from Monday morning at 9.15. Additionally, for reception children, phonics lessons will be allocated daily to their Bug Club accounts. We welcome all photographs of your children's learning experiences at home to be uploaded to Tapestry for us to see.

Nursery children are welcome to access Tapestry for activity ideas and to share our recorded stories. Again, we would love to see any learning experiences that take place at home. If you have any questions about remote learning, you will find copies of our Parent Guides on our Dunsford website, or alternatively, email [dunsford@lapsw.org](mailto:dunsford@lapsw.org)

***Please remember that we endeavour to mirror our remote learning package to mirror the offer in school and that it is not reliant on children sitting in front of a screen all day. It can be used flexibly to suit your home circumstances.***

We would like to end this week's newsletter by sending love from all the staff at Dunsford, with wishes that everyone remains safe and well during this very difficult time.

Miss Dann, Miss Farress, Mrs Wilson and Miss Wakeham.





### **Stars of the Week**

Next week Willow class we will be choosing four different stars to celebrate our learning. We will have a **Home star of the Week**, a **School star of the Week** a **Numbots star** and a **Phonics star**.

Maple class will also be celebrating a **Home and School star of the Week** so please keep those photographs coming in so that we have lots of wonderful experiences to choose from.