



# MAPLE GROVE COMMUNITY GROUP

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## September 2017 Newsletter

### Welcome to Maple Grove Pre-School

We would like to welcome you and your child to Maple Grove Pre-school, and hope that you are finding settling in as stress free as possible. Sometimes parents suffer more than the children at this stage, but believe us; in no time at all this will be a distant memory. We also hope that you are happy with the introduction and information you have received. This will be the first of many newsletters you will receive over the coming year, which will include current issues & dates for your diary.

### ARRIVAL / DEPARTURE TIME FOR GREEN & BLUE ROOM

**8.45AM 11.45AM** Doors will open at **11.40AM** for the end of the am session. This gives ten minutes to get the children safely on their way. This is a very tight turn around for staff as they only have 15 minutes to grab some lunch! So we would be very grateful if you could ensure you are on time collecting your child. Thanks!

### **Please do not use mobile phones when waiting for Green & Blue room**

**12.15PM 3.15PM** Doors will open at **3.10PM** so if you need to collect a child from Westwood please ensure you are at the beginning of the queue, which will allow you plenty of time to travel! PLEASE no queue jumping! This collection method will be less disruptive to the children and provide a safer environment, rather than the front door being opened & closed more often. This is the only elegant solution to this little problem which we hope will suit everyone.

**YELLOW & RED ROOM Doors will open at 2.55PM so if you need to collect a child from Westwood please ensure you are at the beginning of the queue, which will allow you plenty of time to travel! Please do not use mobile phones when waiting for Yellow & Red room. For all collections @ 11am, 11.30am, 1pm & 3pm, please wait at the main green gate until a member of staff opens the gate.**

**Just a few reminders** Please could we remind parents to clearly LABEL any items of clothing and lunch boxes/bags (if they go to lunch club). Also try to encourage children's independence by putting on / taking off their coat themselves. There is no need to send in a sun hat / cap as each room has their own supply.

**CAR PARK the car park is strictly out of bounds for parents/ carers dropping off or picking up. You must apply in writing to the school secretary if you are a parent of a disabled child and need to enter the car park. Many thanks.**

### Committee change over/A.G.M.

In order to operate as a registered charity, we have adopted the Pre-school Learning Alliance constitution. Part of this document states that we must hold an Annual General Meeting at the end of each financial year, and at least 30% of all parents must attend in order to make it a valid meeting. If we do not have enough parents/carers attend this meeting, we have to **CLOSE** the pre school until another meeting can be arranged and enough parents/carers can attend. As you can see, it is absolutely vital that as many of you attend this short evening meeting, usually lasting about 30 - 45 minutes, to hear a report of the audited accounts for last year. The date for this meeting is **Wednesday 18th October at 7p.m.** in Green room. Please try to make it. This is the only meeting during your year with us that we have to encourage you to attend. Thank you for your effort and understanding.

### Events Committee Meeting

We are proposing to have a meet and greet meeting in Red Room on Thursday 21st September at approx. 1pm, if you would be able to attend, please let us know or just come along, everyone welcome very informal! Children are welcome at the meeting as well, but will remain your responsibility. Come along and meet our Head of Events Committee, Rachel. Have a cuppa and a biscuit and see what we do for the Group throughout the year! Any new fundraising ideas are always welcome! If you are interested and cannot make the meeting, please email in for further information. Meetings are not always necessary, just nice to put a face to a name at the start of this new year!! Our next event is our Christmas Fayre; if anyone has any unwanted gifts or toys they would be gratefully received for this and any of our fundraising events throughout the year....

### Autumn Stay & Play incorporating Macmillan Coffee & Cake Event

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> or Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 9am-11.30am or 12.30pm-3pm**

This is a drop in for parents /carers to come along and see your child during their session . This will give you time to, meet your child's keyworker first, see the room, what your child has been doing, what they have experienced and that they have settled in. To coincide with the parents in school, we are offering you the chance to help us to raise money for Macmillan, by coming along and having a drink and a slice of cake. Any donations of cakes or biscuits will be gratefully received, please hand them to the office.

**FINALLY PLEASE NOTE: All further newsletters will be emailed and available on our website, so please ensure we have your most up to date email address**



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<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>TIME</u>
TUESDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2017	MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING AND STAY & PLAY	9-11.30 OR 12.30-3
WEDNESDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2017	MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING AND STAY & PLAY	9-11.30 OR 12.30-3
MONDAY 23RD OCTOBER 2017 - FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2017	HALF TERM	
MONDAY 30TH OCTOBER 2017	TRAINING DAY	
TUESDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2017	BACK TO SCHOOL	
FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2017	BRIGHT COLOUR DRESS UP DAY	DONATIONS FOR XMAS FAYRE & TOMBOLA
FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2017	CHILDREN IN NEED - SPOTACULAR	DONATIONS FOR CHILDREN IN NEED
THURSDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2017	OPEN EVENING FOR PARENTS	6-7.30pm
FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2017	FUNDRAISING TABLE AT SAINSBURY'S	*** PROVISIONAL DATE
WEEK COMM 27TH NOV	CONCERT REHERSALS	*MORE INFO TO FOLLOW
SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2017	CHRISTMAS FAYRE	11AM - 2PM
WEEK COMM 4TH DEC	CHRISTMAS CONCERTS TIMES TBA	
FRIDAY 8TH DEC - ALL WEEKEND	ST PETERS CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL	
MONDAY 18TH DECEMBER	LAST DAY OF PRE-SCHOOL SESSIONS	
TUES 19TH DEC	PARTY DAY	NO MINI GROVE
20TH & 21ST DEC	HOLIDAY CLUB OPEN	
22ND DEC-2ND JANUARY	HOLIDAY CLUB CLOSED	
WED 3RD JAN 2018	TRAINING DAY - HOLIDAY CLUB OPEN	
THURSDAY 4TH JANUARY 2018	BACK TO SCHOOL	
2ND FEBURARY 2018	BHF - RED HEART DAY	BRING PENNIES TO DECORATE THE PLAYGROUND
WEEK COMM 5TH FEB	COLOUR COLLECT BAGS OUT	FUNDRAISING EVENT
MONDAY 12TH FEBURARY - FRIDAY 16TH FEBURARY	HALF TERM	
MONDAY 19TH FEBURARY	BACK TO SCHOOL	
FRIDAY 23RD FEB	COLOUR COLLECT BAGS TO BE HANDED IN	FUNDRAISING EVENT
THURS 1ST MARCH	WORLD BOOK DAY	DONATIONS FOR EASTER EGG HUNT
FRIDAY 2ND MARCH	COLOUR COLLECT SPONSORSHIP MONEY DUE IN	FUNDRAISING EVENT
WEEK COMM 5TH MARCH	CELEBRATION OF SPRING OPEN DAYS	*MORE INFO TO FOLLOW
SAT 24TH MARCH	EASTER EGG HUNT	2-4PM
THURSDAY 29TH MARCH	END OF TERM	
MONDAY 16TH APRIL	TRAINING DAY	
TUESDAY 17TH APRIL	BACK TO SCHOOL	
MON 23RD APRIL	ST GEORGES DRESS UP	
TUES 24TH APRIL	PARENTS EVENING	6-7.30PM
WEDS 25TH APRIL	PARENTS EVENING	6-7.30PM



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MONDAY 7TH MAY	BANK HOLIDAY	
MONDAY 21ST & TUESDAY 22ND MAY	TEMPEST PHOTOS HERE	DURING SESSIONS
THURSDAY 24TH MAY	START OF HALF TERM	
FRIDAY 25TH MAY	TRAINING DAY	
MONDAY 28TH MAY	BANK HOLIDAY	
TUESDAY 29TH MAY - FRIDAY 1ST JUNE	HALF TERM	
MONDAY 4TH JUNE	BACK TO SCHOOL	
FRI 8TH JUNE	DRESS UP DAY	*MORE INFO TO FOLLOW
WEEK COMM 11TH JUNE	SUMMER OPEN DAYS	*MORE INFO TO FOLLOW
WED 13TH JUNE	TEMPEST GROUP PHOTOS	DURING SESSIONS
FRIDAY 29TH JUNE	FESTIVAL DAY	*MORE INFO TO FOLLOW
SAT 7TH JULY	SUMMER FAYRE	11AM - 2PM
THURS 19TH JULY	LAST DAY OF PRE-SCHOOL SESSIONS	
FRI 20TH JULY	PARTY DAY	NO MINI GROVE