



Letter 6

9th October 2020



Dear All,

This week Maple class visited North Leigh Roman Villa. We were delighted with the support that we received for this – 100% of the children attended. The trip was a great success.

The children were very engaged and learnt so much by being on site. The villa is open to the public at the weekends – it is a great place to explore. <https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/north-leigh-roman-villa/>



Thank you to everyone who completed the communication survey. The responses were overwhelmingly positive and supportive of all that we do, there were some really helpful comments. We understand that some of you are not keen to take part in Zoom meetings – we will try and think of alternatives. Parent/guardian meetings used a combination of Zoom and telephone calls – this seemed to work for most people so we will ensure that we always have two types of contact options. Following the survey we have realised that the website may look different if you are accessing on a phone – we use laptops to edit and create so we get a different image. A couple of areas that were mentioned were around calendars, if you find the actual calendar tab then it should display as a month's view. The term dates can be found under the parents information tab; we have to publish 2 years' worth of holiday dates. I have also added them at the end of this newsletter for convenience. Our next class tea and coffee Zoom meetings will be led by Mrs Kirkham who will share her screen and show you around the website.



We are constantly reviewing our procedures. Please can we ask parents in Poplar and Willow class to keep to the left hand side of the playground at drop off and pick up. We need to keep the children's routes clear. Children must be kept with you before the member of staff comes out – they must not run around as there is a real worry about crossing bubbles.

An alternative plan is dropping your child at the school gate at 8.40am (Willow and Maple) and letting them walk up. Maple class are already doing this which makes a big difference to adult social distancing. From Monday an adult from Willow will be on the playground from 8.40 to welcome these children in. Please DO NOT come before this time.

We have an increasing number of children climbing over the mounds around the playground and car park – this is NOT allowed.



The school minibus will begin running again from the 2<sup>nd</sup> November. We will have additional COVID measures in place. If you live in Milton Village please contact the office about spaces. There will be some additional vehicle movement on site when the bus returns and departs.



### **Fundraising**

Caitlin, Lilly and Baileigh are raising funds for the RSPCA. They have organised a raffle. Prizes include McDonald's vouchers, cakes and many other items. The girls are doing this because they passionately believe in animal welfare; please support them. Every £1 you send in (Cash please) will entitle your name to go into a draw. Please send the money into school in a clearly marked envelope. We will pull the names out of the hat on 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Please support the girls – they are trying really hard to make a difference.

### **Class coffee and tea events**



We would like to do a regular class tea/coffee afternoon so that we can catch up in an informal way. It is easier to meet with a smaller group as they will be held using Zoom. This term we have chosen Wednesday afternoons –Maple class – 14<sup>th</sup> October 2-2.30pm. We are hoping that class teachers will also attend.

### **The Building Project**

We are moving closer to the completion of the kitchen project. Due to delays with availability of fittings we are slightly behind. The builders hope that we will be ready to make hot meals by the 9<sup>th</sup> November. We have our local MP David Johnston paying us a visit. We hope that he will officially cut the ribbon on Friday 6<sup>th</sup>.



**We are creating a pebble path and would welcome families to help. We have lots of pebbles to paint! We can provide your family with paint and sealer. Please let your class teacher/ me know.**

### **Chinese cultural day**

On October 23<sup>rd</sup> - the last day of this term we are holding a Chinese cultural day. We are celebrating the fact that we are learning Mandarin in school. We will be doing food sampling, art work and fact finding. We are delighted that the Mandarin project is funding a lion dance; this will be a great opportunity to see a live performance.





**Frank has had a fantastic attitude to his learning this week – he loves a challenge especially in maths.**

**Evie H – super impressive spelling work – you have worked really hard**

**McKenzie asked some really interesting questions on the trip this week, he also made a booklet about his visit.**

**Riley has made the most amazing stone age model. His cave even has an inside!  
Alfie Saunders created an amazing pebble face for the pathway.**



### **Achievement cards**



Congratulations to:

Oliver H, Ella, Ethan, Summer, Joey and Evie from Willow class  
Connor H, Rocky, Baileigh, Grace and Rhea from Maple class



**On Sunday Charlotte ran the virtual London Marathon. Despite the pouring rain she completed this amazing achievement in under five hours. Thank you to everyone who supported her whilst she was running.**

**If you would like to sponsor her, please visit:  
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/charlottemarathon2020>**

**Charlotte has raised £1102 – 84% of her target**



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