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End of Term 1

As Term 1 comes to a close, it seems impossible that only seven short weeks ago, we welcomed the start of a new academic year and new children into school. All have settled well and much has happened to allow us to continue to be the very best that we can.



There have been many opportunities over the term for children to represent the school and for me as Headteacher to be proud of what we do. Two Reception Open Mornings have allowed us to show a number of people around the school. Numerous competitions and a huge number of external visitors from other schools and the local authority, have allowed us to show off the fantastic school that we have.

As ever, I thank you for your support both in and out of the classroom. Without a united community, our school wouldn't be as strong and successful as it. Enjoy the half term break; we look forward to seeing you back on **Monday 28th October 2019** for the start of Term 2.

Show and Share

Thank you to those families that were able to join us for Show and Share this morning before school. It was wonderful to see the excitement from children when they were showing you their books and work. We had some wonderful feedback from parents, some of which can be seen below:

'Amazing to see how many different topics have been covered and how much work has been done to such a high standard'

'I can't believe the amount, quality, variety and creativity of the work I have seen this morning.'

If you couldn't make this morning, books will be available during upcoming Parent Consultations for you to see.

Inspired Palmer Landscape Workshop

On Tuesday, Maple took part in an art workshop. The Inspired Palmer Landscapes Project is an exciting and engaging creative project which will work with communities to explore, reveal and celebrate the stories of individual places and local landscapes of the Darent Valley. Creative workshop events will draw together communities and individuals to investigate the history



that has shaped the Darent Valley and created the sense of place for their part of it. Stories will be communicated through a variety of creative forms, inspired by Samuel Palmer's connection with the valley. This project will culminate in a celebration event in spring / summer 2021 to enable the wider community to enjoy and learn about the Darent Valley's heritage and celebrate their own heritage connections to the landscape. The Inspired Palmer Landscapes project plays a key role within DVLPS and will be delivered throughout the length and breadth of the scheme area.



PTA Non-Uniform Day and Disco

What a wonderful way to end the term with a PTA Non-Uniform Day and Disco, all in support of the Christmas Fayre. The children had a brilliant time enjoying dancing, games and the PTA shop. Huge thanks to the PTA and their helpers, without whom, this even could not have happened!

Hot Chocolate with the Headteacher

Headteacher Hot Chocolate is a chance for someone across the week, child or adult, to have Hot Chocolate with Mr Hulme. This is awarded for stepping out of your comfort zone, going above and beyond, being polite and kind or being recognised by another member of the staff for something. This week it went to Sidney.



Attendance

Whole School Attendance: 93.78%		
Class	Attendance %	Minutes Late
Birch	92.00	0
Oak	93.33	25
Beech	92.12	46
Maple	96.67	15

Letters sent this week

- Parent/Carer Consultations
- PTA Ice-Skating
- Reception Class – Under the Sea Bluewater Cinema
- Little Red Riding Hood Ballet Ballot at the Royal Albert Hall
- Year 5 – How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World
- Important Dates – Term 2

Value of the Term: Inquisitive

'Life in all its fullness' John (10:10)