



# Mapledene News August Issue 2020

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August Centre Closed Summer Break  
Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August Centre Closed Bank Holiday

## Key dates for September 2020

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> - Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September Closed Inset Day  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September Centre re-opens for all children from 8am  
- 5pm

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### Termly News

We will be welcoming many new children and families to the centre and we very much look forward to them joining us. Sadly we must say goodbye to the children leaving us to go to 'BIG' school, we will miss them all tremendously and wish them all good luck at their new school.

It has been an experience we shall never forget, the last five months have been challenging for us all in many ways. We understand how difficult it has been for many of our children and families during 'Lockdown'. This is why we are very happy to say that Mapledene will reopen for **all** our children and families in September 2020. We have been guided by Government and Hackney Education to implement Mapledene's new way of operating. From September we will open to all children from **8am - 5pm** Monday to Friday. Children will be offered a 9 hour day which will be reviewed at the end of the autumn term. We currently have three drop off points which will continue in September. Children in Apples and Seedlings will use the **Front Entrance**. Palms room will use the **Double Black Gates** at the back of the building and Maples will use the **Learning Garden Double Brown Gates**. We ask that you please stick to your drop off and pick up points. You will only need to be at your child's drop of point at 8am only if your child is contracted for the 8am start. All other children will need to be dropped off from 8.30am - 9am where they will be collected by staff at their drop of points. If your child is contracted to finish at 4.30pm please stick to this. Children who are contracted to finish at 6pm will need to be collected **no later than 5pm**. If you wish to collect your children earlier please inform a member of staff who will arrange to meet you at the front entrance. Staff will work from 7.45am - 3.45pm, 9am - 5pm and 9.15am - 5.15pm in order to ensure each room is within ratio. We ask that you please stick to this new way of operating in order to control the spread of the Coronavirus.

### Reminders

Please let a member of staff know if your child's dietary needs have changed. Unfortunately in September children will no longer be able to bring in items from home. The only thing we can accept is a change of clothes and your child's comforter if they have one for example, soother or blanket.

### Curriculum

The new yearly theme will focus on 'Personal Social and Emotional development. The Autumn term will be 'All about Me' The Spring term will be 'The Way I Feel' and the Summer Term is 'Moving Forward'. Naturally we will continue with our children's French sessions on Tuesday afternoon along with Fridays Soft Play Sessions at Queensbridge Sports Centre. Your children will participate in other extra-curricular activities linked to the yearly theme. Staff will work closely to support the children's emotions as they resettle into nursery life.

### Apples & Seedlings

Apples and Seedlings children will focus on settling in and developing a bond with their new key worker and other friends. Our youngest children will focus on books such as "Owl babies, Goats go to play group and I like myself". These books will be used as teaching tools to support transition and introduce key words.

### Palms

Palms children will make links with old and new friends as they resettle. They will be supported through activities that encourage them to express their feeling and emotions. Through, expressive art and design and dramatic role play hospital scenario linked to our current situation. Their focus book "All are welcome" by Alexandra Penfold and Suzanne Kaufman will help Palms children to gain a better understanding of themselves as individuals.

### Maples

Maples children will focus on their well-being as they settle into their room routine. They will participate in creating self-portraits and explore families looking at how each are different. This will be linked to their own 'Lockdown' experiences. In order to help Maples children make sense of the world around them, they will explore focus books such as "It's ok to be different" by Sharon Purtill and "Ruby's worry" by Tom Percival.

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## Donations

If you have an old or spare iPad that you no longer use, please consider donating it to Mapledene to support the children with ICT.

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## Extended Services



Extended Services will continue on Instagram until the autumn term where it will be reviewed. Unfortunately Mango room will remain closed to parents until further notice. There is a full virtual programme of activities for you to participate in for September to December. Please visit our website for more information.

## Transition Books

Please use your child's transition book to help your child become familiar with the names and faces of staff and other children in their room base. The book will give you information tailored to individual rooms this also includes the room routine and contact details of staff.

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## Face Covering

In September we will be joined by new children and their families. We have always had an open door policy where all are welcome to visit. We have been advised by Hackney Education and the Government to implement the wearing of face coverings. All parents visiting the centre to settle their children must wear a face covering and have their temperature checked by staff on arrival. Unfortunately we are only allowing new parents in for an hour on their child's first visit.

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Please contact the office immediately if you have made changes to your contact details.

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## Staffing Structure



In September to support transition **Apples and Seedlings** room will be led by Chloe who will be supported by Krystle, Olu, Tanaae, Nasima and Izzy. **Palms** room will be led by Merlene and supported by Emma, Yasmin, Jack, Krishna. **Maples** room will be led by Jennifer and supported by Cihan, Kayland and Jasmin. **Geeta** will lead in **Mango** room; she will be supported by Mirembe and Faizah. **Kitchen** will be led by Sylvia and supported by Maxine and Christina. We will also be expecting new staff members who will join us in the new term. Who bring with them many years of good practice and understanding of the EYFS.

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## Contracted Hours

Should you require any changes to the contracted days or times your child attends the centre, we must have this request in writing at the earliest possible date.

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## Hackney Education

From September the *Learning Trust* will be renamed 'Hackney Education' there will be a new logo which will feature on our letter head. This name change will not affect the services we deliver.

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## Sun Babies

A grant application has been made to Sun Babies Nursery Trust for funding. If we are successful the grant will be used for the learning garden to provide soil, upgrade the garden gate and provide learning tools for the children. If you have any seeds that you could donate please let us know.

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## Useful links

**Bookstart Corner** <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/programmes-and-campaigns/bookstart/practitioners/bookstart-corner-programme/>

**How to talk about feelings & emotions with children** <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/joinin/help-children-cope-with-emotions>

**Tips for settling your child into nursery** <https://www.emmasdiary.co.uk/baby/childcare/top-tips-to-prepare-your-child-for-nursery>

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