

Maple Class Newsletter Autumn 1 2022

It is fantastic to be able to welcome everyone back into school after the summer break! The children have made a very positive start to the new academic year and we are enjoying spending time with them and getting to know them.

Please find below some information which you will hopefully find useful during the first half of the autumn term: please look at the Maple Class page on the school website for more details about the curriculum and dates for your diary.

Maths

Our Maths topics for this half term include: reading, writing, comparing and ordering whole numbers up to one million; rounding numbers; adding and subtracting numbers up to one million using mental and written methods; and also finding and identifying factors, multiples and prime numbers.

English

We will start the term by re-visiting and improving our story writing skills before moving on to study an exciting adventure story called 'Stormbreaker' by Anthony Horowitz, which was a firm favourite with last year's Maple class. The book will allow us to: explore how the writer creates and builds suspense; to write as a character in the book; to create a storyboard; and to compare the book with the film version of the story.

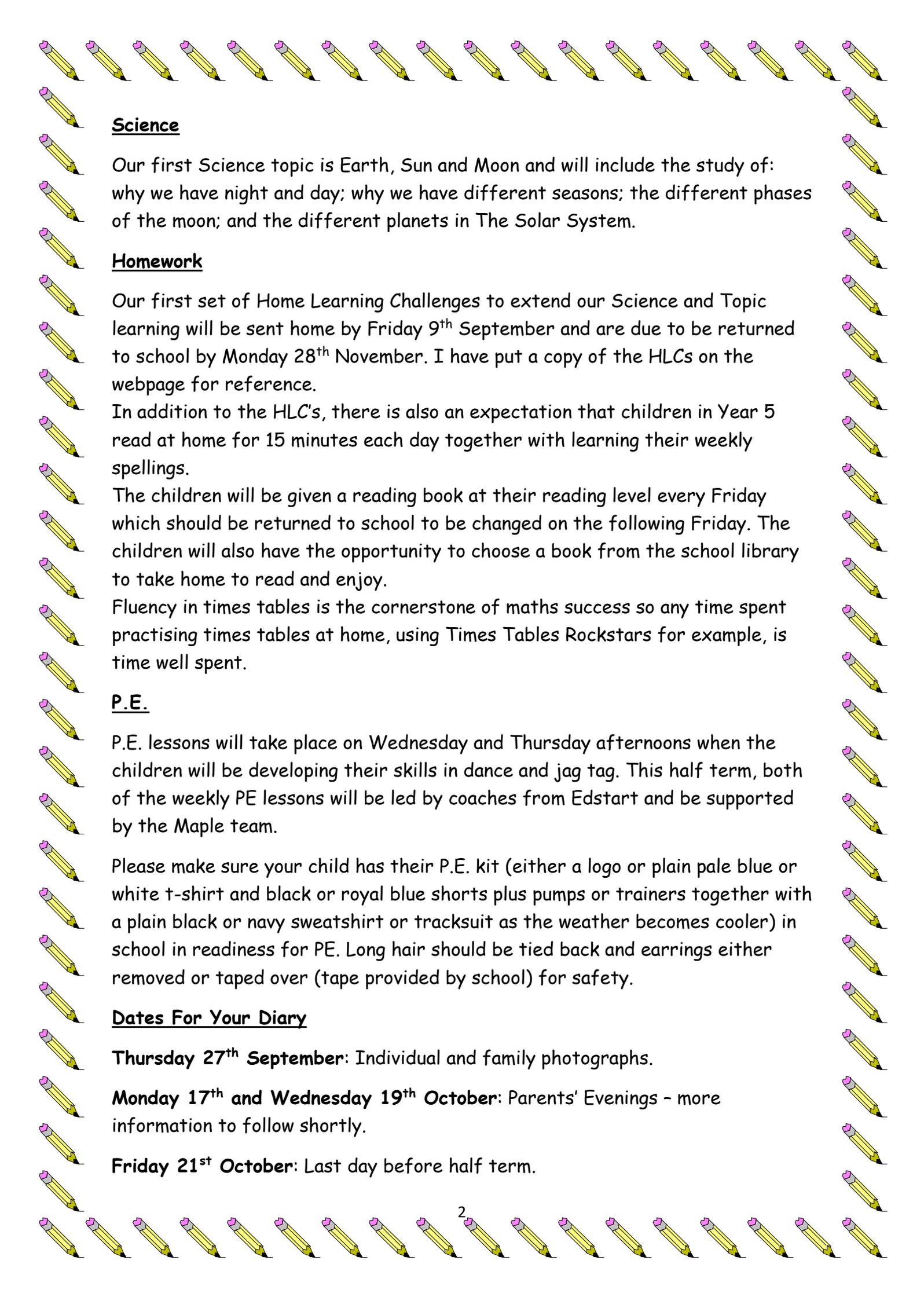
Spellings

I have uploaded the weekly lists for this half term onto the Year 5 class page on the website for your information and to help you to support your child's learning at home.

From Monday 5th September, a new spelling list will be given to the children each Monday and they will be tested every Friday.

Topic

Our first Topic is Ancient Egypt, which is one of my absolute favourite Topics! Our studies will include: where Egypt is and what it's like there; who Tutankhamun was and why the discovery of his tomb was so significant; whether or not it was wrong to remove his mummy and belongings from his tomb; what mummies are and how and why they were made; and what Ancient Egyptian Gods and Goddesses looked like and what their responsibilities were.



Science

Our first Science topic is Earth, Sun and Moon and will include the study of: why we have night and day; why we have different seasons; the different phases of the moon; and the different planets in The Solar System.

Homework

Our first set of Home Learning Challenges to extend our Science and Topic learning will be sent home by Friday 9th September and are due to be returned to school by Monday 28th November. I have put a copy of the HLCs on the webpage for reference.

In addition to the HLC's, there is also an expectation that children in Year 5 read at home for 15 minutes each day together with learning their weekly spellings.

The children will be given a reading book at their reading level every Friday which should be returned to school to be changed on the following Friday. The children will also have the opportunity to choose a book from the school library to take home to read and enjoy.

Fluency in times tables is the cornerstone of maths success so any time spent practising times tables at home, using Times Tables Rockstars for example, is time well spent.

P.E.

P.E. lessons will take place on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons when the children will be developing their skills in dance and jag tag. This half term, both of the weekly PE lessons will be led by coaches from Edstart and be supported by the Maple team.

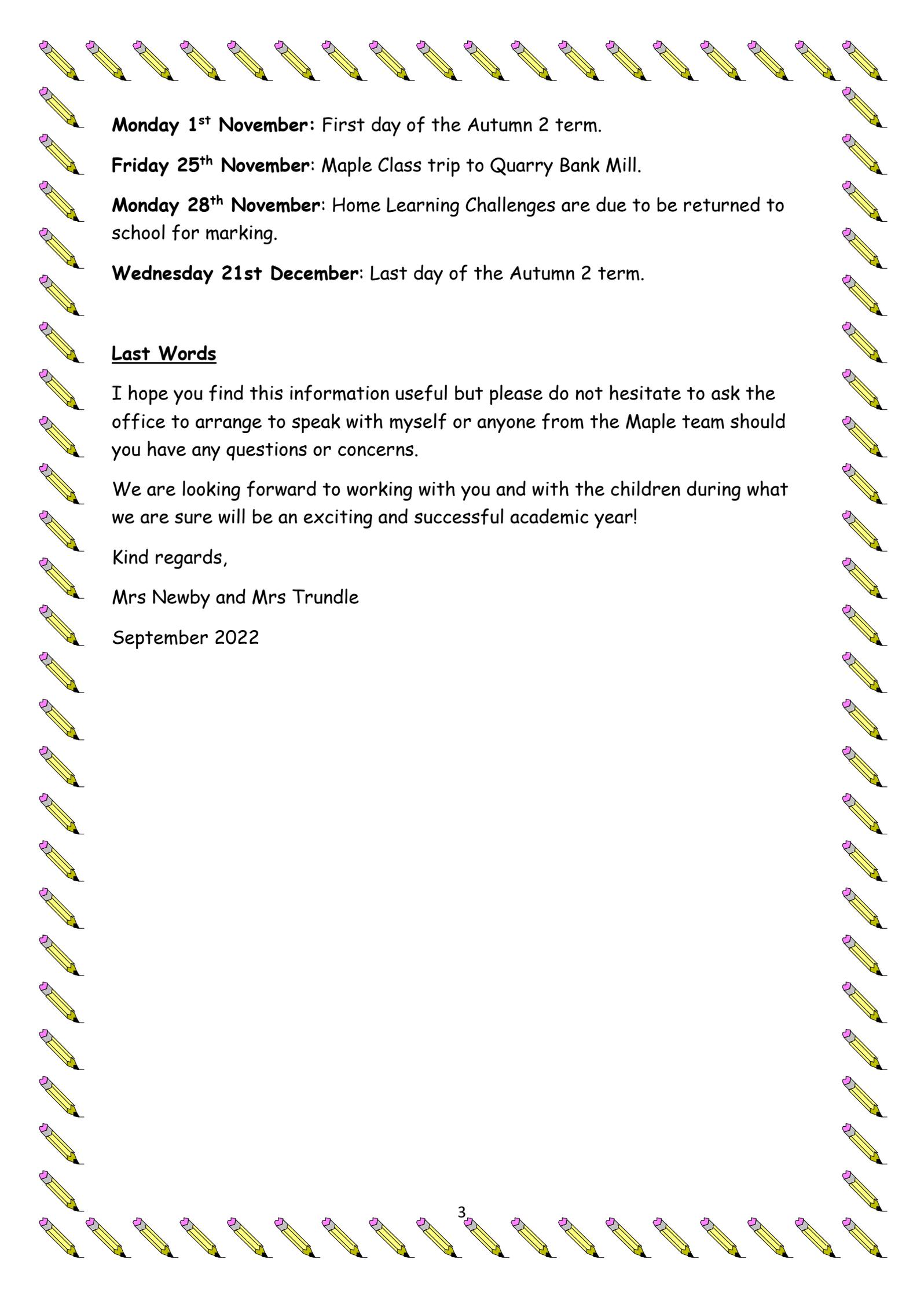
Please make sure your child has their P.E. kit (either a logo or plain pale blue or white t-shirt and black or royal blue shorts plus pumps or trainers together with a plain black or navy sweatshirt or tracksuit as the weather becomes cooler) in school in readiness for PE. Long hair should be tied back and earrings either removed or taped over (tape provided by school) for safety.

Dates For Your Diary

Thursday 27th September: Individual and family photographs.

Monday 17th and Wednesday 19th October: Parents' Evenings - more information to follow shortly.

Friday 21st October: Last day before half term.



Monday 1st November: First day of the Autumn 2 term.

Friday 25th November: Maple Class trip to Quarry Bank Mill.

Monday 28th November: Home Learning Challenges are due to be returned to school for marking.

Wednesday 21st December: Last day of the Autumn 2 term.

Last Words

I hope you find this information useful but please do not hesitate to ask the office to arrange to speak with myself or anyone from the Maple team should you have any questions or concerns.

We are looking forward to working with you and with the children during what we are sure will be an exciting and successful academic year!

Kind regards,

Mrs Newby and Mrs Trundle

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