



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

NEWSLETTER – September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back! I hope that you all had a great summer break. Over the summer holidays Maltby Manor has been undergoing some intensive building works with freshly painted classrooms in Early Years and Key Stage 1, new learning spaces created in Key Stage 2, a brand-new heating system installed in Key Stage 2 and a new sensory room with blended edge technology developed.

It's been lovely to welcome all the children back on Tuesday and Wednesday. As I've walked round school during the day it has been brilliant to see our children engaged in their learning and happy to be back in school.

This term we welcome Mrs Williams who has joined school as our new Early Years Lead, Mrs Hall who will be teaching in Foundation Stage and Miss Roberts who will be teaching in Year 4.

Attendance will be a continued focus this year as we have a 96% target to achieve. This only allows up to 5 days of absence in the school year. We will share a letter that outlines the changes to attendance next week. A big thank you to the majority of parents/carers who make sure their children attend school regularly. Attendance has been off to a flying start. Lets keep up the great work and ensure that children are not missing out on learning opportunities.

Mrs Atkin
Principal

Updates

Attendance

From Monday we will be asking all families who are late to school to sign in at the main entrance. Mrs Twiss will greet the children each morning, take the lunch order and then the children will go to their class. Mrs Jones or Miss Ackroyd will walk children in KS1 or EYFS down to the other building.

If your child is absent please contact the school by 9.25am to inform the office of your absence.

Please remember that the schools doors will close at 8.45am.

Key Dates:

10 September
Year 6 Trip to Crucial Crew

11 September
Early Help Coffee Morning

18 September
SEND Coffee Morning

19 September
Pre-Loved Event

For more Key Dates in 2024,
please use the following link:

[Maltby Manor Academy –
Calendar & Events](#)



We wanted to thank parents and carers for their understanding while we moved from Dojo across to SeeSaw. SeeSaw will be the school's main point of communication now and as the year progresses you will also be able to see what you children are learning as well as other events that we attend.

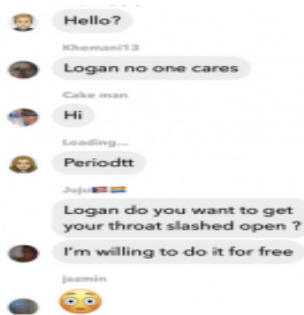
Please see the office if you have not received an email link to activate your SeeSaw account.

Online Safety



Wizz is a free social networking app that enables users to chat live online with strangers from around the world and exchange gifs, pictures, and videos. It is intended to be a place to make online friends however it works similarly to a dating app, where you are presented with other people's profiles and can choose to either swipe them away or swipe to start a conversation.

You must be 16 years or older to have a profile on Wizz and it includes age verification that is meant to vet your entered date of birth against a photo you supply of your face however it does allow younger users to create an account and the verification process is easy to get around.



What are the risks?

Once on the app, young people are able to mix with adults and can be connected if they accept each others' friend requests. Harmful content can easily be found and users can also expect to see content including swearing, sexual content, violence, drug/substance content, and much more either on others' profiles or in chat conversations.

The whole point of Wizz is chatting with strangers and, without a guarantee of age verification and chat moderation, catfishing, grooming, and online sexual abuse are all a possibility.

Talk about it

- Talk to young people about the potential risks and dangers of sharing personal information on Wizz and other social media app
- Encourage them to look at their privacy settings to see who can see what they're sharing
- Remind them that not everyone is who they say they are online and the dangers of talking to strangers, just as you would in the real world

Find more information on how to address online safety with young people:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/chat-apps/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Concerned-about-your-child/Online-contact-and-staying-safe/>

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/have-a-conversation>

PE Timetable

EYFS – Wednesday & Friday
Year 1 – Monday & Wednesday
Year 2 – Tuesday & Wednesday
Year 3 – Monday & Wednesday
Year 4 – Thursday
Year 5 – Monday & Friday
Year 6 – Monday & Wednesday