



NEWSLETTER



MRS CLIFF'S COMMENTS

Who would have thought back in September that we would still be working within the government COVID restrictions and guidance. This year has certainly been a challenging one ensuring that the children and staff have been safe whilst maintaining your children's education. Although there has been a number of bubble closures (especially in Year 4!), we have strived to maintain the routines and high standards of learning which ensures that the children continue to make progress and are prepared for their next steps. Over the last couple of weeks, the teachers have been meeting to ensure that they have a good understanding of your child's needs so that in September, we can start straight away catching the children up with any learning that they have lost over the year.

I appreciate that you are disappointed with not being invited to Sports Day or the Y6 Leavers' Assembly. The children of the school make me proud every day and I am as disappointed as you as I would like to show everyone how hard they are working and share their achievements. As soon as possible, I look forward to welcoming everyone back as normal.

I know as parents you need clarity over what school will look like in September, as of yet, there is no guidance for us to follow so unfortunately I am unable to give firm answers at the moment. Our plan A is to open school to pupils on Monday 6th September with everyone arriving at school for a 8:35am start; no bubbles in place, have whole school assemblies and enjoy eating in the dining hall. Plan A also includes the opening up of Breakfast Club for those working parents who need to drop off their children early and also inviting parents into school to share their children's experiences. There is however also a plan B where we will continue with the staggered starts, children working in

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Tuesday 6th July**
Transition morning
- Wednesday 7th July**
Nursery Sports Day
- Thursday 8th July**
Reception and KS1 Sports Day
- Friday 9th July**
KS2 Sports Day
- Tuesday 13th July**
Y6 Leavers BBQ
- Thursday 15th July**
Break up for Summer
- Friday 16th July**
INSET Day
- Wednesday 1st September**
INSET Day
- Thursday 2nd September**
INSET Day
- Friday 3rd September**
INSET Day
- Monday 6th September**
New Term begins for children

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bubbles and limited access for parents. As soon as the government have updated their guidance during the summer break, I will communicate more details to you so that you will ready be for the new term.

Finally, as the year comes to a close and I reflect as to how the school has changed, I would like to thank you all for all your support this year, including during the spring term when we had over 99% of children engaged in home learning activities. Good luck to all the children who are leaving us to begin the next stage of their academic journey and look back at your time at Manor with pride.

Message from the Chair of Governors

I wanted firstly to reflect on what has been a testing eighteen months or so in the life of the school. Covid-19 has provided many challenges and the ever changing guidance as we have learnt more about it has caused our senior leaders to prepare plans, then amend them and then re-write them. It has been difficult for everyone involved, our leaders, all of our staff, our parents/carers, and the children my thanks go to all of you for the support that has got us to this point. We must remember that the children are likely to be massively impacted by the restrictions we have all faced and the support for them should continue as things hopefully continue to improve.

Governors have seen some massive strides in terms of the children's academic improvement since they have returned to school – but we must all remember that the support will need to be sustained and wider than purely academic support.

Secondly, I wanted to share with everyone that I feel that the end of the summer term is the right time for me to step down from all my roles with the Maltby Learning Trust, including chairing the governing body at Maltby Manor. I've enjoyed being a part of the school community and I'm proud of the achievements that the school has made under the strong and clear leadership of the Principal and her dedicated staff team. I'm convinced that the school is in a very strong position to continue to improve, with a governing body that is well equipped to hold the leadership and the Trust to account on behalf of the community.

I want to thank everyone associated with the school for making it a welcoming and vibrant place for young people and for all the support the school and governors receive.

With every best wish for the future, Paul Martin

Chair of Governors

Don't forget to download the MyED app from your app store to keep updated with your child's achievements, attendance, letters, messages and more. You can also keep up to date by following us on



JOKE OF THE MONTH

Q: Why did the teacher jump into the pool?

A: Because she wanted to test the water.

KEEPING YOUR CHILDREN SAFE

As we break up for the holidays, we want the children to enjoy their free time safely as you are able to get out and about. Whether it is going to the park or playing at the beach, parents want to know that their children are safe. Here are some top tips:

- Follow the 5 Ss of sun safety—sunscreen, sun hat, sunglasses, shoulders, shade.
- Make sure that your children know how to cross the road safely if they are not with you.
- Make a family code word so if they are playing out and someone approaches them telling them that they have been sent to pick them up, they need to share the code.
- Don't give your child a rucksack or top with their name on, it makes them an easier target to strangers.

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