



Maltby Manor Mail

Date: February 2018

Dates for your Diary:

Thursday 22nd February

EYFS—Bringing Books to Life

Wednesday 28th February

Y3 Pedestrian Training

Thursday 1st March

World Book Day

Tuesday 6th March

Anti Bullying Workshops

Wednesday 7th March

Y3 Pedestrian Training

Y4 @ Jorvik

Y6 @ Eden Camp

Friday 9th March

KS1 @ Conisbrough Castle

Monday 12th March

Science Week

Wednesday 14th March

Y3 Pedestrian Training

Wednesday 21st March

Y3 Pedestrian Training

Friday 23rd March

Break up for Easter

Monday 9th April

Children return to school

Tuesday 10th April

Y5 @ Eyam

Monday 16th April

Y5 Bikability training

Wednesday 25th April

Y5 Maths Robots

Thursday 3rd May

INSET DAY

Wednesday 9th May

Group Photographs

INSET Days 2018/19

Monday 3rd September

Friday 26th October

Monday 25th February

Thursday 2nd May (TBC)

Monday 22nd July

Mrs Cliff's Comments

Maltby Fire Station Opening

At Maltby Manor, we welcome opportunities to work within the Maltby community so when we were invited to attend the opening of the new Fire and Rescue Station in January, we accepted. As part of the invitation, we were asked to create pictures which promote the work of the emergency services. After a whole school competition, the student leaders, along with members of Red Watch and PC Glynn, judged to decide the top ten which would be on display at the opening ceremony. As well as the competition, the student leaders created an image which has been enlarged and will be on display in the entrance to the building. During the morning this was unveiled and well received by the very impressed guests.

A selection of the student leaders and the top three competition winners, attended the opening morning. They met the Rotherham Mayor and the Lord Lieutenant of South Yorkshire, Mr Andrew Coombe. After seeing a demonstration of the work the Fire and Rescue service do during a road traffic incident, we assisted in unveiling the official plaque. The children enjoyed the tour of the station; especially when they got to climb into one of the fire engines and speak to the officers on duty – even doing a 'test call' to check their reaction times.

It has been a privilege creating the art work for the new station and all the children have loved being part of the project. During the visit I was very proud with their behaviour and conduct during the ceremony.

The student leaders will continue their hard work this term representing their peers as they will play a vital part of the interview process for a new vice principal.

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It's not all SATs

This half term year 6 have been extremely busy not only preparing for the upcoming SAT assessments in May but they have had opportunity to take part in two exciting events.

First of all they developed their creativity by taking part in the Fruit and Vegetable project. During the sessions in the computer suite, they worked with an external company called Conductive Music to generate music from fruit and vegetables using electric currents. The children had a fantastic morning and described it as being epic and awesome. They were amazed how musical vegetables can be!

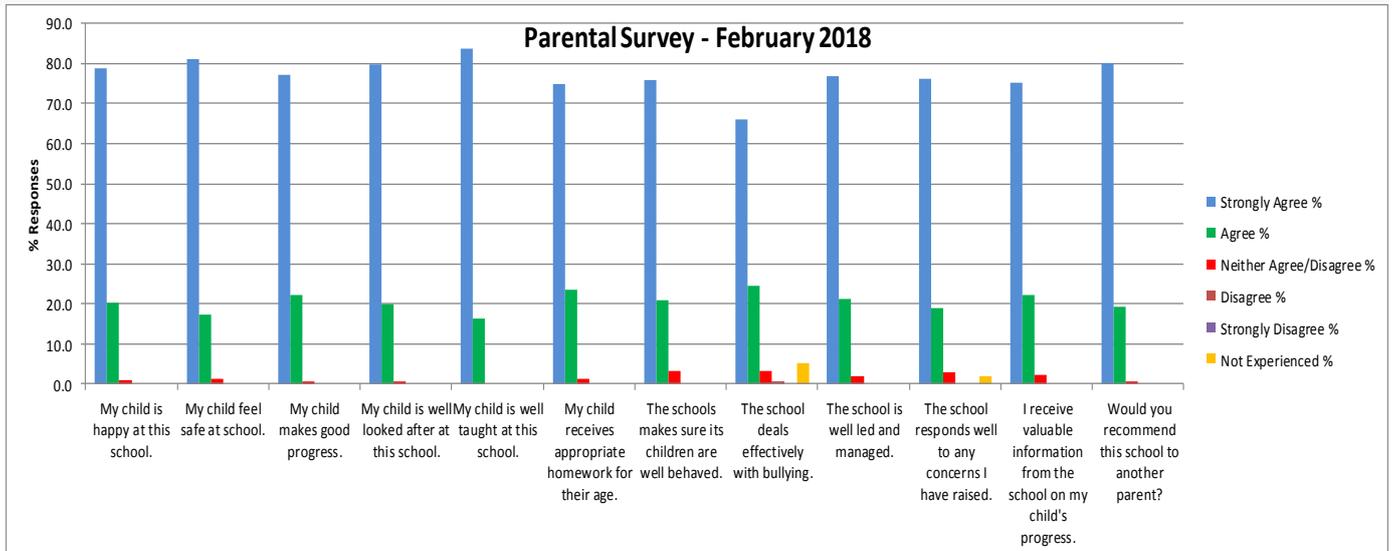
The children have also travelled back in time to experience what life was like during World War II. During the day the children took part in various different playground games, experienced an air raid during lessons and tried different food which would have been available during rationing. The next part of their learning is to visit Eden Camp this half term where they will explore more about what life was like at the old prisoner of war camp.

Joke of the Month



Did you hear about the football player who asked his coach to flood the field so he could go in as a sub?

Maltby Manor News, Events and Activities



Parent Survey

Thank you to all the parents who completed the survey during the recent parent's evening before half term. The results were overwhelmingly positive which highlight that you believe we are giving your children a high quality experience at Maltby Manor. I would like to reassure all the parents who took the time to write comments, these will be shared with the teachers concerned. Comments included:

Really pleased at how both my children are progressing and how the teachers are encouraging their learn-

ing. (R/Y2)

My children all look forward to coming to school. They love their teachers and feel well supported. Both classes have been amazing this year and very supportive. (Y3/Y5)

Happy with my child's progress. I now feel confident that my child is happy at school. The parent's workshops are informative and useful to support my child's learning at home. (Y2)

Keep up the good work everyone. (Y5)

I think that school responds well to all concerns I have had with my child. (Y6)

One parent expressed concerns over the number of teacher's their child had experienced this year and I would like to reassure all parents that consistency in teaching provision is a priority and any changes in staffing due to training or illness is kept at a minimum.

We plan to hold another parent forum in April so that we can discuss with parents our future plans and gain their viewpoint on further school improvement. These normally occur on an evening so that a majority of parents are available. If you would like to take part, please contact the school office with your details.

Free School Meals

On the 7th February the government has published new criteria about the eligibility for free school meals and early years pupil premium. A net earnings threshold of £7,400 for eligibility for FSM and the early years pupil premium will be introduced from 1 April 2018 – this will typically equate to an overall household income of between £18,000 and £24,000 once benefits income is taken into account. They have identified that some families will lose their FSM eligibility under this new threshold but have assured that all existing eligible families will continue to receive FSM during the rollout of Universal Credit, even if their earnings go above the new threshold during this period. Once Universal Credit is fully rolled out, any existing claimants that no longer meet the eligibility criteria will continue to be protected until they reach the end of their current phase of education, e.g. primary, secondary. New claimants earning above the threshold after April 2018 will not be eligible for FSM.

Even though children in key stage 1 and reception are entitled to universal free school meals, I would advise any parents who meet the current criteria to apply as in addition to meals, we receive £1320 per pupil which we use to enhance their education and opportunities. Examples of how we have spent the funding includes free music lessons for children in year 3, purchase of additional reading materials, speech and language support in foundation stage and focussed support in class by skilled teachers and teaching assistants. If you would like to apply, please speak to a member of the office team.

