



# Maltby Manor Mail

Date: March 2018

## Dates for your Diary:

### 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

Y6 Peat Rigg Parent Meeting

### Monday 16th April

Y5 Bikability training

### Wednesday 25th April

Y5 Maths Robots

### Tuesday 1st May

KS1 assessments begin

### Thursday 3rd May

INSET DAY

### Wednesday 9th May

Group Photographs

Y5 Maths Robots

### Monday 14th May

Y6 SAT Week

### Friday 18th May

Y6 Fun Splash

### Monday 21st May

Haddon @ Peat Rigg

### Wednesday 23rd May

Hardwick @ Peat Rigg

### Friday 25th May

Break Up for Half Term

### Monday 4th June

Children Return to School

## INSET Days 2018/19

Monday 3rd September

Friday 26th October

Monday 25th February

Thursday 2nd May (TBC)

Monday 22nd July

## Mrs Cliff's Comments

### Staff Update

Following the recent advert, I am pleased to inform you that we have appointed a new vice principal. Mrs Berry, who has worked at the school before, will be rejoining the staff team from May. Mrs Berry is very excited about returning to Manor and we look forward to working closely together to further secure the quality of education for our children.

### Manor Events

This term has again been very busy with the build-up and preparation for end of year assessments. All children are enjoying and engaging in their learning as well as joining in exciting theme days and visits. Enhancing opportunities is always a key focus when enriching the curriculum and we pride ourselves on offering experiences to our children both in and out of the classroom. As such, all the children have widened their learning and embraced various opportunities. Thank you to all our parents for supporting and enabling their children to share these fun experiences.

Within the foundation stage, the children have been celebrating world book day by dressing up and reading various traditional tales. In nursery when reading *The Three Billy Goats gruff*, the children were challenged to build a bridge for the goats to cross the valley. They also had great fun tasting different sweets that could be found on the Witch's house from *Hansel and Gretel*. In reception the children have been acting out the stories of *Goldilocks* and the Three Bears and *Jack and the Beanstalk*.

The children in years 1 and 2 have visited Conisbrough Castle for the day. Whilst there they explored the castle and it's grounds before climbing all the way to the top where they could see for miles! They enjoyed looking in all of the ruined parts of the castle and trying to work out what they once might have been. Their favourite part of the day was when they listened to a story about the people who lived and worked in the castle and got a chance to dress up in medieval costumes. Everyone had a great day at Conisbrough castle!

Learning about keeping ourselves safe is a crucial part of the curriculum and so the children in year 3 have been learning road safety as part of their Pedestrian Training. So far, the children have learned how to safely cross the road by finding a safe place to cross. The trainers have commented how well behaved and enthusiastic the children are.

Year 6 had a fantastic time on their trip at Eden Camp. They learnt lots of amazing and interesting facts about WW1 and WW2. Their favourite part was experiencing what life was like on a U-Boat and visiting the Blitz Street. The children were extremely well behaved and asked lots of interesting questions during their time there.

As we won the Maltby round of the sports hall athletics competition last half term, we represented Maltby in the Rotherham Sports Hall Athletics finals. Twenty pupils from year 6 went to Wickersley Sports College to compete against four other Rotherham schools. They pushed themselves to their limits, cheered on and supported each other in every race, and reached third place in Rotherham! A massive well done to all the children that took part.

All the children have been involved in celebrating World Book Day, albeit delayed for a week due to snow! The day was a huge success, all children and staff looked amazing in their costumes. Throughout the day the children went on a Where's Wally hunt around school where they worked in small groups to try and find all the hidden characters. Some were very difficult to find.

### Learning Packs

After Easter we are going to be launching the new 'Learning Packs'. At the last parent forum in December, parents expressed that they would like more support in helping their children with home learning and as a result, we have developed the

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# Maltby Manor News, Events and Activities

## Joke of the Month

What kind of stories do rabbits like best?

The ones with hoppy endings.



'Learning Pack'. The packs are designed to be age appropriate so will differ from year to year. For example the content in reception will include a reading book, wordy worms and reading challenges whereas the content in year 6 is the planner, revision books, homework book, reading challenges and library card. We request that as par-

ents you support your child to ensure that they have their Learning Pack in school each day. This is to further strengthen the communication between home and school and to ensure the children are organised for their learning. We have been promoting the use of the organiser/planner in school this half term as it contains the children's phonics, spelling lists and star awards as well as space for you to record at home when your child reads.

Inside the pack will be a '10 minute reading challenge card'. Some parents have expressed how difficult it is to engage your child with reading at home so we have developed an easy to access leaflet sharing some activities you could do. Examples

being reading letters and numbers on car number plates when walking down the street or learning their favourite song lyrics.

We welcome feedback from parents with these new initiatives and look forward to hearing your comments.

### Easter Events Reminder

The final assembly of the term will be on Friday 23rd March at 2.00pm. During the assembly we will be awarding the attendance certificates for the term, announcing the competition winners for Easter Bonnets and Painted Eggs as well as drawing the Great Easter Raffle. All donations of Easter Eggs are welcome.



## School Meals Menu Change

Having a healthy school meal promotes good health and behaviour thus allowing children to learn and achieve. It is with this in mind that we work closely with our school meal provider, to ensure our children have a healthy balanced diet at lunchtimes. After listening to parental view and now serving meals from the one kitchen, we are changing the system after Easter. Currently in key stage 2, the children have a choice of meal whereas the children in foundation stage and key stage one only have a one meal option. From Monday 9th April, all children are to access the same menu on a colour choice system. This will enable our younger children to widen their choices and not be limited to a meal which potentially they do not like.



The morning routine for the younger children in school will be that when they come into school, they will place their name on the meal of their choice. These will be in the classroom represented by coloured boards with pictures of the different meals being served that day. This information will then be passed to the school cook who will then prepare the appropriate number of meals for the day. If your child currently does not have a school meal and would like to, please contact the school office as soon as possible. Below are the new menu choices for your information.

Week One: 09.04.18, 30.04.18, 21.05.18, 18.06.18, 09.07.18				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pasta bolognaise	Pizza with a choice of toppings	Italian chicken pasta	Roast chicken with stuffing	Deep fried fish
Tuna wraps	Cheese pasty	Quorn sausage and mash	Vegetable lasagne with garlic bread	Basil & Tomato pasta bake
Jacket potato with a selection of fillings	Jacket potato with a selection of fillings	Jacket potato with a selection of fillings	Jacket potato with a selection of fillings	Jacket potato with a selection of fillings
Week Two: 16.04.18, 07.05.18, 04.06.18, 25.06.18, 16.07.18				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Cottage pie	Burger in a bun	Chicken curry & rice with naan bread	Roast gammon & pineapple	Deep fried fish
Fish cakes	Homemade cheese rolls	French bread pizza	Tomato and tuna wrap	Cheese melts
Jacket potato with a selection of fillings	Jacket potato with a selection of fillings	Jacket potato with a selection of fillings	Jacket potato with a selection of fillings	Jacket potato with a selection of fillings
Week Three: 23.04.18, 14.05.18, 11.06.18, 02.07.18				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Beef lasagne with garlic bread	Oven baked chicken nuggets	Hot dogs	Roast beef with yorkshire pudding	Deep fried fish
Fish fingers with tomato sauce	Cheese & tomato pizza	Cheese & tomato wrap	Sausage & bean plait	Quorn bolognaise with garlic bread
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