



Maltby Manor Mail

Date: May 2018

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 14th May

Y6 SAT Week

Thursday 18th May

New Nursery Parents meeting

Friday 18th May

Y6 Fun Splash

Monday 21st May

Haddon @ Peat Rigg

Wednesday 23rd May

Hardwick @ Peat Rigg
FS Ugly Bug Ball 9am & 2pm

Friday 25th May

FS/KS1 Maypole Assembly
Break Up for Half Term

Monday 4th June

Children Return to School

Tuesday 5th June

Y3 @ Clifton Park Museum

Wednesday 6th June

Y5 Maths Robots

Thursday 7th June

Build a World

Wednesday 13th June

Y5 Maths Robots

Thursday 14th June

Y5 @ Alton Towers

Friday 15th June

KS1 @ Cleethorpes

Monday 18th June

Y1 Phonics Screening

Tuesday 19th June

Y4 @ Magna

Thursday 21st June

Y6 @ Roche Abbey

Friday 22nd June

Y5 & Y6 at Maltby Academy

Wednesday 27th June

EYFS @ The Deep

Friday 20th July

Y6 Leavers Assembly

Mrs Cliff's Comments

Key Stage Assessments

The month of May is a very busy one within school as the children in both Year 2 and Year 6 complete their end of key stage assessments—SATs. In Year 2 these tests, or quizzes as the children call them, are completed over the whole month. The tests are used to support the teacher assessment judgements in reading and maths and inform school about the progress they have made since leaving the foundation stage. The SATs in Year 6 are more formal we are informed by the government what days the tests are to be administered. Unlike in Year 2, the tests in reading, grammar and maths dictate the final assessment for the children and are used by the academy to allocate the children to classes. All the children have shown good attitudes whilst preparing for the tests and worked their hardest. Whatever the outcome is in July, we know that all children will have achieved their full potential and we couldn't be more proud of them. Assessment results will be shared with parents as part of their Record of Achievement.

School Visits

All the children in Foundation Stage and Key Stage One had a fantastic day learning about many different animals and minibeasts when the Travelling Zoo came to Manor. They all got to meet a possum, a tarantula, a snake, an owl, hissing cockroaches and many more. Lots of the children were very brave and handled the animals, even the slippery snake! Some of the children in Nursery even had a very cheeky chameleon on their heads!

Over the next couple of months, there are a variety of visits planned for each of the year groups. Foundation stage children are going to The Deep in Hull as part of their learning about 'What will you find in the deep blue

Sea?' and Cleethorpes await for the children in Year 1 and 2. We hope the weather will be better than it was for the Year 2 children last year as they explore 'Why do we love to be beside the seaside?'. In Key Stage 2 visits are locally planned for Year 3 to Clifton Park Museum and Year 4 to Magna whereas Year 5 are going to visit Alton Towers as part of their investigation into 'Can you feel the force?'. After the SAT tests, Year 6 are going on their well earned residential to Peat Rigg in North Yorkshire. Whilst there they will face the challenges of zip wiring and kayaking.

All the visits planned for the children are to widen their opportunities beyond the classroom and can not go ahead without the support from yourselves. Thank you for your voluntary contributions in advance to enable the visits to go ahead.

We Love Maltby

The children at Manor are very proud of their school and as such, look after the buildings and the environment. This term we have a 'Litter Picking Crew' who volunteer at lunchtimes to pick up litter in and around the grounds. It is with this in mind that we have signed the 'We Love Maltby Pledge about litter'. An initiative promoted by Maltby Town Council to encourage Maltby residents to look after their town. We would like to request that, as parents/carers, you also support this initiative by not dropping litter whilst on or outside the academy premises or even when out and about in the village.



Maltby Manor News, Events and Activities

School Dinners

At the beginning of this term we changed the school meal arrangement for our youngest children by giving them a red/yellow/green choice for their dinner. Early feedback is that this is welcome and there are now more children staying for school dinners. The Student Leadership Team have also been supporting the cook by participating in a taste session to see which chicken nuggets they prefer. They have obviously got good taste as they chose the ones with the highest percentage of chicken content!

The cost of dinner money per meal is £2.00 and I would like to politely remind parents that payment for dinner money needs to be made by the Monday for the week following. This can either be via ParentPay or in person at the school office. However, if payment

is not received for two weeks, your child will no longer be able to access school lunches. If you are needing support for the payment of school meals, free school meal applications can be completed online via the RMBC website or by collecting a form from the school office. If you need support in the application, the staff in the school office will offer their support.

Staff Changes

This month Mrs Berry has joined the staff team at Maltby Manor and is enjoying being out and about meeting yourselves as parents and getting to know the children. We have recently filled the teacher vacancies in preparation for September and I am pleased to inform you that Mr Warren, following being awarded his teaching qualification, will become a permanent teacher at Manor. Miss Sheraton and Miss

Joke of the Month

What do you call a bee born in May?



Fazakerley will also be joining the teaching team.

There are also a couple of members of staff leaving at half term. Miss Smith, teaching assistant in Rufford class, will be leaving to take up a new position as a support worker for teenagers and Mrs Brocklesby, lunchtime supervisor for Kenwood class will be retiring after supporting the children over the last two years. We wish both members of staff every success in their future.

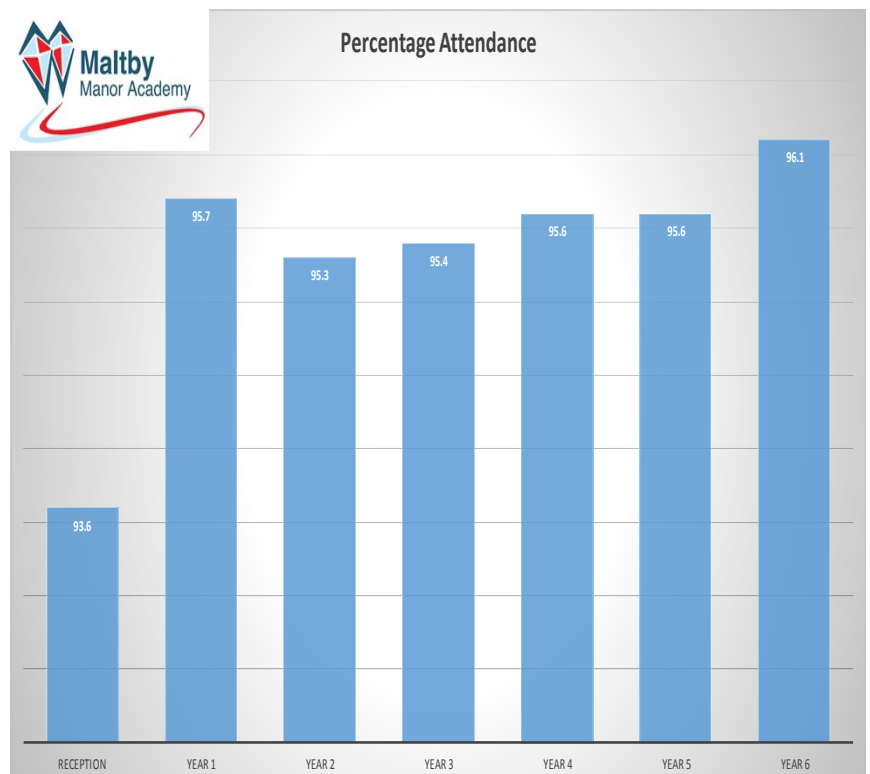
Attendance

Over the last three years, attendance at Maltby Manor has improved and we celebrate this fact with both yourselves as parents and the children. We constantly reward and celebrate good attendance through the half termly attendance raffle for 'Attendance Ted' and weekly through class attendance rewards.

Our attendance target for this year is 96% and as you can see from the graph, there is only one year group above this—well done to Year 6.

We recognise that the holiday season is upon us and I would like to remind all parents that holidays in term time are unauthorised unless there are special circumstances. If you choose to take your child out of school and their attendance is below 95%, you may be subject to a Fixed Penalty Notice.

The beginning of the day is an important time for the children to settle into class and start their day positively. School starts at 8.45am and doors are closed at 8.50am. Any child arriving after this time needs to come to the school office and will be marked as late.



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