



Maltby Manor Mail

Date: June 2018

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 18th June

Y1 Phonics Screening

Tuesday 19th June

Y4 @ Magna

Wednesday 20th June

New FS2 Parent Meeting

Thursday 21st June

Y6 @ Roche Abbey

Friday 22nd June

Y5 & Y6 at Maltby Academy

Wednesday 27th June

EYFS @ The Deep

Monday 2nd July

Transition Morning

Y3 Big Blast concert

Bamburgh Parents Meeting

Tuesday 3rd July

Y6 Bowling

Wednesday 4th July

Summer Fayre

Thursday 5th July

One Voice

Monday 9th July

Safeguarding Awareness week

Wednesday 11th July

Parents Evening

Thursday 12th July

MLT Music Concert

Friday 13th July

Y6 Community Sports Day

Monday 16th July

FS & KS1 Sports Day

Tuesday 17th July

KS2 Sports Day

Wednesday 18th July

Nursery Sports Day

Thursday 19th July

Y6 Leavers BBQ

Friday 20th July

Y6 Leavers Assembly

Break Up for Summer

Mrs Cliff's Comments

Widening Opportunities

Maltby Manor continues to be a busy academy and this month each year group are planning to extend the children's experiences and opportunities beyond the classroom and I would like to thank all parents for their support in enabling the visits to go ahead.

Year 6 had a successful residential to Peat Rigg where again the sun shone down on their many adventures and they had an amazing time. Each child challenged themselves and faced at least one of their fears throughout the week. They took part in a wide range of adventurous activities: canoeing, zip wirings, low ropes, GPS night walk, Jacob's ladder and the night line. They even came across the famous elephant squirrel that only appeared at night to wee on the children! For some reason the children think it was the teachers with large water pistols; I don't know what gave them that impression! It is now Year 4 who are preparing for their residential adventure to Bamburgh in October.

Year 3 recently travelled back in time to the Stoneage where they brought to life the learning they have done this term when reading 'Stig of the Dump'. As part of their day at Clifton Park Museum, they were able to make camp fires using flint tools - it was very exciting! The staff at the museum commented on how well behaved the children were and were also very impressed with the interesting questions and comments the children made throughout the day. As well as making fires, the children practised their hunter-gathering skills to hunt animals and forage in the woods. It was an amazing day which I am sure the children and staff will remember forever.

After much anticipation and building up to the final visit of the year for Year 5, Cannon and Chatsworth were finally able to go to Alton Towers to celebrate and experience forces as part of their learning. The children were extremely excited about experiencing rides such as Oblivion, Rita, Nemesis, Spinball Whizzer and many more. Many of the children were able to face their fears

and challenge themselves to try something new for the first time. With lots of laughter and smiles all day, it would be fair to say that everyone loved the visit. They could finally see how different forces work on rollercoasters and experience scientific theories in real-life situations. With great speeds being reached, gravity and G-force acting on our bodies it was great to see how science is used in the real world.

The children in Years 1 and 2 had an amazing day in Cleethorpes last week. As soon as they arrived the children were all eager to go on the beach. They were busy making sandcastles and burying their friends. All the children enjoyed having a donkey ride before they all tucked into their delicious sausage or fish and chips at the Mermaid Fisheries. This just left time for an ice lolly or an ice cream. The coach was extremely quiet on the way back to school.

It is not only the children who have been busy this month. I was invited to attend a conference at the House of Lords in London to learn and share experiences about promoting the emotional well-being of children. Whilst there it was interesting listening to other head teachers and the approaches they take and it confirmed how fortunate our children are to have an excellent pastoral team at Manor. They are always on hand to guide and listen to children as well as organise activities such as Morning Gym, Art Therapy and '1 o'clock Club'. Accessing this pastoral support is certainly impacting positively on children's readiness for learning.

With our successes in reading and Novel Study, Maltby Manor is now being recognised as a Hub of Excellence and we have had many visits from other head teachers; sharing our good practise. This is

Joke of the Month



Why are fish never good tennis players?

Because they never get close to the net!

Maltby Manor News, Events and Activities

evidence of the high quality education your children are now receiving and the hard work and dedication of our teachers to ensure the best teaching and learning.

Transition

It is at this time of year that we are preparing the children for their change of class and introducing them to their new teachers. A number of you have been asking what teachers their children will be having in September. The information will be shared as soon as possible so that we can best prepare the children for the transition events. Please be assured that all class changes are made with careful consideration and children are supported throughout this period.

I do need to share with you that three teachers will be leaving the school this summer. Miss McQuilling has taught her class for two years but will be leaving us to return home to Hartlepool. Mrs Brammer will also be leaving us after successfully job sharing with Mrs Chapman. I am sure we will still see her back teaching the children as she is one of the family at Manor. Finally, Miss Platts will be leaving as Foundation Stage Leader to pursue her passion for Rights Respecting Schools at another school in Rotherham. We wish each teacher good luck in their future careers.

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Travelling to School

Now that the weather has improved it is great to see so many children travelling to school on their bikes and scooters. I would like to politely remind parents that to ensure the safety of our children, all scooters and bikes should be dismantled as they come through the gates responsibly.

Pupil Attitude to School Survey

As part of our cycle of improvement, as well as asking for your opinion about the academy, we also ask the pupils. Twice each year the children complete a survey about their attitude to school. Questions include their feelings of safety and being listened to as well as lessons and enjoyment of learning. Each time we review the children's responses and adjust our provision accordingly. From the last survey in December, the results showed that the number of children did not feel able to talk to staff about their worries reduced. We then re-launched the 'worry boxes' and raised the importance of listening with all staff. As you can see from the results below, this has had an impact. There is increase in the number of children feeling confident joining in class discussions. From April we reviewed our curriculum and introduced the inquiry curriculum. This approach is obviously making the children feel more involved in the learning. One area which always performs the worst is homework, as is the case with the parent survey. We review homework regularly and the teachers work hard to try to make the homework set as interesting as possible.

