



Maltby Manor Mail

Date: September 2018

Dates for your Diary:

Wednesday 12th September

Y4 Start Swimming
After School KS1 Sports Club Starts

Thursday 13th September

After School KS2 Sports Club Starts

Monday 17th September

Manor Book Festival Week

Monday 24th September

Y3/4—Football Tournament

Tuesday 25th September

Y6 @ Crucial Crew

Friday 5th October

Y3-6 Cross Country

Monday 8th October

Y5 @ Bamburgh Residential Week

Tuesday 9th October

Firefighter clothing collection

Monday 15th October

Y5/6—Football Tournament

Wednesday 17th October

Y6 Mighty Maths Robots

Tuesday 23rd October &

Wednesday 24th October

Parents' Evenings

Thursday 25th October

Break Up for Half Term

Friday 26th October

INSET Day

Mrs Cliff's Comments

Welcome back to a new school year; I hope you all had a good summer break. The children have all returned looking amazing in their school uniforms and are really excited to learn.

We welcome four new members to Team Manor this year. Miss Fazakerley has joined the Foundation Unit, Mr Barker has joined Year 1 and Miss Sheraton is based in Year 4. As well as new teachers, we have a new apprentice -Mr Cunningham. Mr Cunningham is based in Year 3 but the children will see him at lunchtimes as he leads one of our sports clubs. All the new staff are excited to get to know the children and work closely with parents to ensure that the children achieve their full potential.

This year you may notice a difference in the way the children will be learning. The new learning journeys are based around an Inquiry Curriculum where the children are given a question to answer through research and independent investigation. For example the children in Year 6 are investigating - "Could you have survived in a World War I trench?" Their learning will link with the areas of the National Curriculum and the book they are reading. We hope the children find this approach to learning exciting and enjoy researching and finding things out for themselves.

After the success of last year; securing 'Good' at Ofsted and achieving the best ever outcomes, we are hoping to continue to improve the academy so that it continues to be the 'Hub of Excellence' in Maltby. To build on our Rights Respecting Silver Award last year, we are encouraging the children from across the academy to represent their class, push boundaries and take risks. Our children are encouraged to make decisions, plan and

"Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously".

-Article 12 United Nations Conventions on the Rights of the Child.

organise fundraising activities and make suggestions that will help to improve our school even further.

We are continuing our #LendaHand crew where children from Year 6 volunteer to organise games and activities for the children in Key Stage 1 at lunchtimes. As well as this, in the next few weeks we will be voting for our new Student Leadership team. Last year the team were involved in the opening of the new Fire Station and interviewing the new Vice Principal and teachers.

Two new areas we wish to develop this year are Sports Leadership Team and Eco-Warriors.

The Eco-Warriors will ensure that we care about our school environment and make sure that it is a safe and fun place to learn; promote environmental friendliness to other children.

The Sports Leadership Team will represent the pupil voice in all things 'sporty', discuss the future of sport in the academy, be passionate about sport and be in charge of promoting sport as well as help to organise events and competitions.

Pupil voice and parental opinion are important to us and we strive to work in partnership; giving the children the best possible school experience. To this end, we will also be re-launching our 'Friends of Manor' parent group. New members are most welcome and watch out for the first meeting of the new year.

Joke of the Month

Q: What is the tallest building in the world?

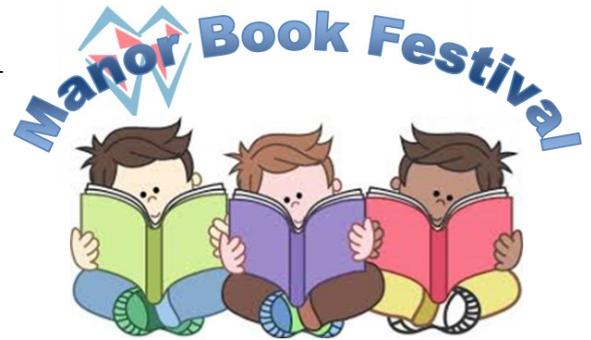


A: The library! It has the most stories!

Maltby Manor News, Events and Activities

Manor Book Festival

This year, we are increasing our focus on Reading, especially encouraging children to read for pleasure. We request your support with this by listening to your child read at home at least three times a week and ensure that they have their 'Learning Pack' in school each day. When you read with your child, please record what they have read in their planner. It does not have to be their school reading book you enjoy together, but can be a magazine, comic or even a sports programme. To help you we have included the 'Reading Challenges' leaflet in your child's Learning Pack to support you with other ideas.



Next week we are launching our reading focus with our annual 'Manor Book Festival'. During the week the children will use a picture book as a focus for their learning as well as experience some exciting activities. We have two authors coming into school—Steven Smallman is to work with the children in Key Stage 2 and Rachel Walton is to share her story with Key Stage 1 and children in the Foundation Stage. Also, we invite you to our Book Fair in the KS2 hall. After school on Tuesday and Wednesday, you are welcome to visit the fair and share some of the books with your child. You may also wish to purchase your favourite book to share at home and raise some money for school.

During the week we also have staff from the Rotherham School's Library Service sharing their favourite books with the children and inspiring the children to write and share their own stories.

We hope that you can support us with this exciting week of activities and encourage your child to enjoy reading so that they become life long readers.

Attendance

We closely monitor the attendance of all children and over the past few years, attendance has continued to improve. Regular and punctual attendance of pupils at school is both a legal requirement and a priority in order to maximise educational opportunities available so that all children get 'the best start in life.' Our children enjoy coming to school and it is a pleasure to see their smiling faces as they come through the gates every morning. The value you place on your child's education is important and I would like to thank all of our parents for working closely with us to ensure that the children are in school on time every day. As a reminder all doors are closed at 8.50am and any child arriving after this time needs to come to the main entrance where they will be marked as late.

As you are aware, holidays in term time are always unauthorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. From 1st September there are new guidelines which I would like to make you are aware of prior to booking your holiday this year. Fixed Penalty notices will be issued when:-

- The pupil has been taken on holiday during term time, the absence has not been authorised by the school, and the child has an attendance below 95.3% for the previous 12 months. There must be at least 10 consecutive sessions (5 school days) lost due to unauthorised absence.

Fixed Penalty Notices are set by Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council at £60 per parent per child if paid within 21 days rising to £120 per parent per child if paid within 28 days. A family of two parents and two children would receive a fine of £240 increasing to £480 if not paid within 21 days.

There have been cases in the past where the child is absent from school and when we have made contact by phone, there is an abroad dialling tone and the parent reports that their child is ill at home. We understand that holidays are important for families and the cost always increases during school holidays but we welcome honesty around the reasons why your child is absent.

Facebook

Keep up to date with our latest news.



@MaltbyManorAcademy