



# Maltby Manor Mail

Date: October 2018

## Dates for your Diary:

**Wednesday 17th October**

Y6 Mighty Maths Robots

**Monday 22nd October**

Harvest Assembly

**Tuesday 23rd October &**

**Wednesday 24th October**

Parents' Evenings

**Wednesday 24th October**

Y6 Bridging Project

**Thursday 25th October**

Break Up for Half Term

**Friday 26th October**

INSET Day

**Monday 5th November**

Return to School

**Wednesday 7th November**

Individual Photographs

Y6 Mighty Maths Robots

**Friday 9th November**

Y6 Remembrance Assembly

**Friday 16th November**

Children in Need

**Wednesday 21st November**

Y6 Mighty Maths Robots

**Wednesday 5th December**

Y6 Mighty Maths Robots

**Friday 21st December**

Break up for Christmas

**Monday 7th January**

Return to School

**Tuesday 8th January**

Young Voices Choir

## INSET Days 2018/19

Friday 26th October

Monday 25th February

Friday 5th July

Monday 22nd July

## Mrs Cliff's Comments

### Bamburgh

I have not been as proud of a group of children than what I experienced last week on our Year 5 residential to Northumberland. All the children embraced all the opportunities and there were smiles each day as they widened their experiences. They visited the Maritime Museum at Hartlepool on their way to Bamburgh before exploring the beach at night. On Tuesday we raced the incoming tide to Seahouses and ate chips on the quayside, watching the boats sail out to the Farne Islands. A number of children braved the cold North Sea and beat the record for the longest time in the water. Cragside was spectacular in the sunshine on Wednesday as the children discovered life in Victorian England. On Thursday the children finally entered Bamburgh Castle and learnt some of the legends and famous stories. The final visit was to Beamish on the way home. Throughout the week so many members of the public complemented staff on the behaviour and manners of the children. They were amazing and as a result, the children of Maltby Manor are welcome back to the Sunningdale Hotel next year. Watch this space Year 4!

### Crucial Crew

Year 6 have visited Crucial Crew, where they learnt lots of exciting things about how to keep safe from the Police, Fire Service, Road Safety and St Johns Ambulance. The children learnt what to do if there was a fire in their house and how to keep safe. They experienced what it was like in a real life court and acted out some of the different roles and even visited a real life cell. Rest assured they did say this was not somewhere they would like to visit again. They practised phoning 999 and how to report an incident correctly,

whilst seeing the impact of what could happen if you leave your phone on charge all night.

The children had a fantastic time and really valued their time there. They said it was like being on the set of Coronation Street.

### Summer Showcase

Back in July we organised a Summer Showcase, celebrating music across the Maltby Learning Trust, to raise money for the Maltby School Lands Foundation Charity in memory of Ron Buck. We have now totalled the monies and I would like to thank parents as we raised a total of £958 for the charity. This week we were visited by Jim Fletcher, a trustee of the charity, who has presented the children with a cheque for £400.

### School Meals

The catering team at Manor has seen some changes over the last few weeks as one of our long serving cooks, Mrs Hill, has moved to one of our partner schools in the trust. Mrs Booter is now the permanent cook in charge and the children are enjoying her tasty dishes each day. Look out for special menu days over the next few weeks.

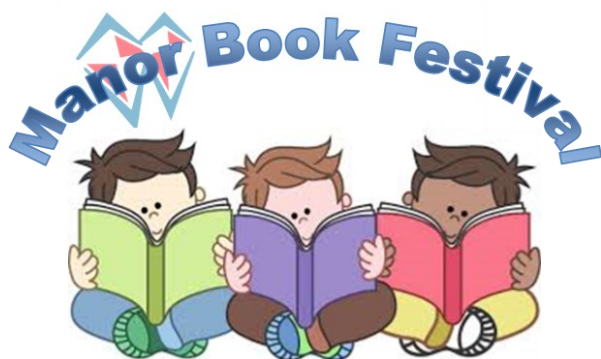
## Joke of the Month

Q: What do you get when you drop a pumpkin?

A: Squash.



## Maltby Manor News, Events and Activities



### Manor Book Festival

Last month we hosted our annual ‘Manor Book Festival’ which for the second year running, was a huge success. In KS1 the children worked with local author Lisa Nicholson and illustrator Rachel Walton. Each class created their own short stories about a character that lived in a tree. Rachel came back later in the week to work with the children and help illustrate their stories. Rachel read her story ‘The Guzzel’ to the children in Foundation Stage. In KS2, the children worked with award winning author and illustrator Steve Smallman. He shared some of his stories with each class; he then worked

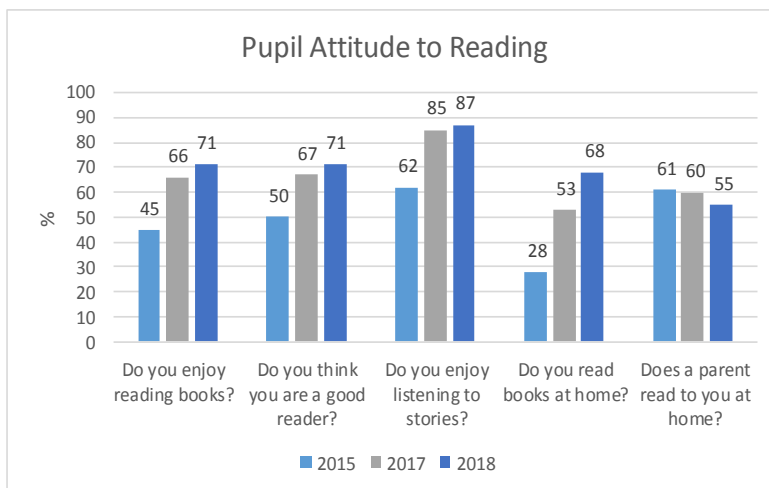
with the children to create some characters and write a class poem.

As part of the week, we also organised a Book Fair where the children had the opportunity to read and purchase books for them to share at home. In total, we raised over £1200 which we will use to purchase new books for the children. A huge thank you to all parents/carers for attending.

During the week the teachers revamped the main corridor of the school to promote and share different books with the children. It was amazing seeing the children’s reactions when they saw the corridor for the first time. As a result, the children have experience of reading a wider variety of books. We plan to continue this sharing of books next half term with a Winter theme.

We ran a competition for the children to design their perfect reading area. Honey was the successful winner of the £10 reading voucher. Well done to all the other applicants.

Overall, the main aim of the week was to promote the love of reading and encourage the children to widen their reading experiences. We monitor children’s voice about reading and for the past few years, asked the children their thoughts about their reading experiences. Since 2015, children’s opinions about reading have improved as shown in the graph. It is good to see that children are reading more at home but we have seen a decrease in the number of parents reading with their children. In the Early Years, 92% of parents read with their children compared to 21% in Key Stage 2. We think this is because as children become more independent with their reading, they like to read on their own instead of to a parent.



#### Pupil voice:

“Reading helps my brain explore.” – Year 3

“I like reading because it gives you good information and gets things to your head to give you a good imagination.” Year 4

“I have enjoyed looking at pictures of Earth and space in our book. The best part of the week has been art, we have drawn the solar system using chalk pastels” - Year 5

#### Facebook

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“I loved it when the author came into my class. We created a poem about an elephant, he was in the jungle and blew away. He drew some detailed pictures for us to look at. I have enjoyed Manor Book Festival very much.” - Year 6

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“I liked picking a book with my mummy. It had a cake on it” - Year 1