

# **MRS CLIFF'S COMMENTS**

**SEPTEMBER 2022** 

A huge welcome to a new school year at Maltby Manor Academy and I hope our new children and parents already feel part of the Maltby Manor family. Over the past two weeks the children have settled in amazingly and we have been very impressed with how well the children have risen to the expectations being placed on them as they are getting to know their new class teachers.

At the beginning of each year we reflect on our achievements of the previous year and set out our priorities. This year we have outlined many aspects at which we would like to improve and these include reviewing the offer of Exceptional Learning Experiences, promoting the Core Learning Characteristics, coach and mentor the new teachers to the team and further develop our reading culture.

Another priority we have identified is reviewing ways to communicate to parents and so this year we are excited to introduce a new way in which you can communicate with your child's class teacher directly. Class DoJo is a direct form of communication where you can share any achievements/concerns about your child as well as the class teacher sharing what your child has been learning. So far many of you have signed up to this new app so if you have not yet done so, please speak to your child's teacher about a log in.

We strive to ensure that all children at Maltby Manor Academy are engaged in Exceptional Learning Experiences in all year groups and we have created a leaflet outlining the overall experiences your child will participate in as well as sharing an overview of planned events for the Maltby Manor Academy

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Thursday 22nd September** Y6 South American Food Tasting Friends of Manor Meeting Friday 23rd September Author Simon Murray Visit Y3 Escape Room Wednesday 28th September Y6 @ Crucial Crew Individual Photos Friday 30th September Y3 @ Creswell Crags Y6 Individual Photos Y5 Escape Room Y4 Volcanologist Zoom Call **Tuesday 4th October** Y4 MTC Parent Meeting Thursday 6th October Y2 @ Knowsley Safari Park Y6 Zoolab Visit **Reception Owl Visit** Nursery Stay and Play Friday 7th October Y6 Escape Room Monday 10th October Y5 @ Bamburgh Residential

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year. Last year parent's communicated with us the short notice of some visits and requested an overview so I hope the letters which have been shared fulfils this request. Some visits/visitors have yet to be finalised for dates and costs and these will be communicated as soon as confirmed. As you are aware, all visits are costed based on voluntary contributions and if enough contributions are not received, we will have to cancel visits.

We have the first of our school residentials taking place in a few weeks to Bamburgh and are excited to have planned residentials for all the children in Key Stage 2 at some point over the year. Year 3 will be staying on Rand Farm to help feed and look after the farm animals as well as cook their own healthy food, Year 4 will be visiting York and experiencing life as a Roman and Year 6 will be challenged on their residential to Peat Rigg; abseiling and zip wiring. I appreciate that many families are facing a cost of living crisis with the current cost of food and fuel and I firmly believe that money should not be a barrier to children attending these valuable opportunities. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you are struggling to pay and we will support you as much as possible.

Our after school clubs have started this week and the attendance has been amazing. For this term we have had on offer Dance Club, Girls' Football, Choir, Games Club and Funky Fingers amongst many others and the engagement and take up have been overwhelming. This half term's clubs will be reviewed and feedback will be gained from the children about the clubs they enjoy and we will be offering some different clubs after October half term. When these are confirmed, we will send out communication to parents about the clubs to enable you to sign up. Remember this is on a first come, first served basis and I apologise that some children have been disappointed this time around.

Our first Parent's Open Evening is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 18th October but we operate an open door policy where you can come in and speak to one of us at any time about any concerns and worries.

# **BOOK OF THE MONTH**

#### Mrs Moody recommends...

A book I love reading is 'Secrets of a Sun King' by Emma Carroll. It follows the story of three children as they embark upon an adventure in Egypt in 1922. It has twists, turns and curses and also includes a story set in Ancient Egypt about Tutankhamun, with all of the mysteries coming together towards the end. A fantastic read!

Don't forget to download the MyEd app from your app store to keep updated with your child's achievements, attendance, letters, messages



**KEEPING YOUR CHILDREN SAFE** 

Emma Carroll

#### JOKE OF THE MONTH

Q: Why do elephants wear yellow socks?

A: So they can hide upside down in a bowl of custard!

## What is Safeguarding?

### Safeguarding is the step which the school takes to protect both children and staff from harm. At Maltby Manor Academy we take seriously all matters when keeping children safe; regardless of age, gender, race or religion. As a team, we work closely with parents to ensure that the children who attend our school are not exposed to abuse such as neglect, physical, sexual or emotional abuse. If you are concerned about a child, you can make a referral to Rotherham Safeguarding by completing a form online. For more information and advice, you can speak to one of the safeguarding leads. Mrs J Cliff—Designated Safeguarding Lead

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