

NEWSLETTER

MRS CLIFF'S COMMENTS

Happy New Year and welcome back to a new term. Over the past two weeks the children have settled back into the routines and have continued to build on the progress of the Autumn term. Already the children have experienced a mixture of Exceptional Learning Experiences with, to name just a few, the Reception children searching for treasure during their Pirate Day, Year 3 exploring the town of Maltby, Year 4 experiencing life as a Greek during their visit to Weston Park Museum and Year 5 learning basic first aid techniques supported by the Red Cross. As the term progresses, there are many more experiences planned so keep up to date with what's happening through our Website, Facebook page and Class DoJo.

Uniform

The children are all looking smart in their school uniform when they come to school each day but we have an increasing number of children who are beginning to push the boundaries by wearing leggings, tracksuit bottoms and coloured trainers. As an academy, we feel that promoting the wearing of uniform helps the children to feel part of the Maltby Manor family as well as not being worried about ruining expensive clothing when engaging in some of the more 'messier' activities. I would like to therefore take this opportunity to remind all parents as to the uniform expectations.

All children should wear a Navy Sweatshirt/Cardigan and a Red Polo Shirt (either with or without the school logo). They should also wear Grey/Black Trousers/Skirts/Dresses or Red/Blue Gingham dresses in the summer.

Physical Education is a formal part of the academy curriculum and therefore, all children should have a PE kit in school on their timetabled days. For PE, the children need red t-shirts, black shorts and trainers or pumps. The children can bring a tracksuit when it is outdoors. Under no circumstances can the

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 16th January

Y4 Bikeability

Wednesday 18th January

Y3 Bikeability

Y4 Bamburgh Parents Meeting

Thursday 19th January

Y5 Space Day and Dome Visit

Tuesday 24th January

Reception Visit to The Deep

Y2 Divergent Drama Workshops

Y6 SAT Parent Meeting

Wednesday 25th January

Coffee Morning Drop in with Early Help

Thursday 26th January

Y5 Stay and Multiply

Y1 Phonics Parent Meeting

Friday 27th January

Y3 Stay and Read

Tuesday 31st January

African Dance Workshop

Y4 Stay and Read

Wednesday 1st February

Y6 Air Raid Experience

Friday 3rd February

NSPCC Number Day

EXCEPTIONAL EXPERIENCES, SUCCESSFUL LIVES

t: 01709 813300

e: info@maltbymanoracademy.com

www.maltbymanoracademy.com



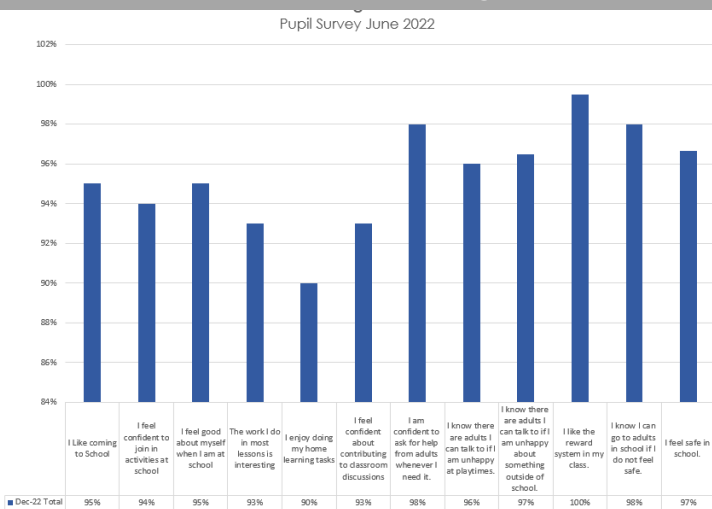
MALTBY LEARNING TRUST

Exceptional Experiences. Successful Lives.

children were jewellery for PE, including earrings; this is for safety reasons. If your child is unable to take their earrings out independently, can you please support us by ensuring your child's earrings are removed each PE morning. Thank you in advance for your support on this.

PASS Survey

Twice a year we ask the children views about their experiences of school through the Pupil Attitude to School Survey. In December we again completed



the questionnaire and I am now in a position where I can share the results.

Overall the children are highly positive about school and enjoy/are confident with their learning and feel safe. When looking closely at the results, although the percentages were lower, 95% enjoy coming to school and the 5% who did not, just don't like school! These children were mainly in Year 2 who have had a change in teacher when the survey was completed. The children were most negative about the question knowing there are adults who they can talk to at playtimes. In KS1 and KS2, the children responded 98% and 99% respectively to this question where the routines and relationships are more secure. It was the children in EYFS who were the most negative but this also reflects the pattern of responses historically as the children are building relationships with staff and understanding the expectations.

We do not just gain the children's voice through the PASS survey, through our Rights Respecting Schools agenda, we also promote the view that children have a voice and should be heard at all times.

BOOK OF THE MONTH

Mrs Hodgkinson recommends...

Mrs Hodgkinson's favourite book is *Goodnight, Mister Tom* because of the relationship between Willie and Tom. It is lovely to see their relationship grow between them, developing trust and love. It also helps you to understand what life was like during WW2. My favourite character is Mister Tom because he starts off really grumpy but then he becomes really kind and caring.



Don't forget to download the MyEd app from your app store to keep



updated with your child's achievements, attendance, letters, messages



JOKE OF THE MONTH

Q: How can you farm during the winter?

A: Use a snow plough.

Virtual Reality Headsets

Virtual reality (VR) headsets have become popular over recent years and you may have one already or be considering one for your child. A VR headset is a device that you wear over your eyes, like a pair of goggles. It is used to give you a 3D experience, meaning that you can see all around you in virtual reality. But what is virtual reality?

Virtual reality is a computer-generated 3D world. In this world you can experience different environments like exploring an underwater world or visiting a different country, all from your own home. When you put on a VR headset, you can enter one of these environments and become part of what is happening.

For more information on how the use of VR headsets can impact on children, please see the website link below.

[Virtual Reality Headsets | NSPCC](#)

KEEPING YOUR CHILDREN SAFE

t: 01709 813300

e: info@maltbymanoracademy.com

www.maltbymanoracademy.com



MALTBY LEARNING TRUST

Exceptional Experiences. Successful Lives.