

**Mrs Cliff's Comment**

Welcome to the new look Newsletter which contains up to date information for Parents/Carers as to events which are happening at Maltby Manor.

As the new term has begun, the academy has continued to be as busy as always as the children continue to engage in their new topics. It is amazing to see how the children have been learning new knowledge and proudly sharing their learning. In the Spring term we always look back with the children to their learning in September and celebrate their progress. Our next parent evening is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February so please contact your child's class teacher to book an appointment and you will have the opportunity to share your child's achievements.

**New Look Playground**

At the beginning of the term the Student Leaders shared how they were bored at playtimes outside and they wanted more things to do. Following consultation we have 'zoned' the playground and allocated staff to organise games and activities – as well as having music playing. The early impact has been significant and we have had a reduction in the number of behaviour incidents and red cards given. The actions taken have been reviewed with the Student Leaders this week and although they are missing having daily access to football, they understand the change. They are enjoying having the staff playing with them and are reflective that this is helping with their behaviour. They are now looking forward to the new equipment being delivered and playground markings.

**Joke of the Month**

**Q:** What flower gives the most kisses on Valentine's Day?

**A:** Tulips

**NSPCC Number Day**

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February all the children at Maltby Manor Academy participated in the annual NSPCC Number Day. It was amazing to see the children arrive in school in their TT Rockstar and math theme outfits ready for a day packed full of fun maths learning. The children in Key Stage 2 were practicing their rock star poses with the teachers.

Over night, a crime had taken place and the children were invited into the hall to see the devastation. It soon became apparent that a member of staff had eaten the Gingerbread Man! The children spent the day being 'Chief Inspectors' and trying to discover who had committed this ghastly crime, by completing a range of challenging math problems. It was revealed, following the investigation, that Mrs Wilby and Miss Petch were the culprits!

As a reward for solving the crime by cracking the clues, at the end of the day each child received their very own tasty Gingerbread Man! Well done Maltby Manor 'Chief Inspectors'!

**NEWSLETTER – February 2023****Dates for the Diary**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February**

Break Up for Half Term

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February**

Children Return to School

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February**

Parents' Evening

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February**

INSET Day

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

World Book Day

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

Y3 @ Kidzania

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March**

Bingo Night

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

Y6 Evacuation Day

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

Nursery Stay and Story

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

Red Nose Day

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

STEM Day

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

Y3 @ Peak District Fieldwork

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

Y5 Victorian Day

Y2 Africa Day

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

Easter Fayre

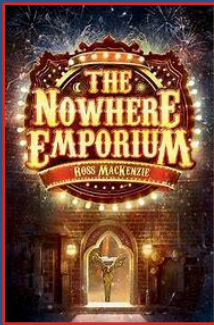


# Book of the Month

Miss Utley's Favourite book is....

*The Nowhere Emporium* by Ross Mackenzie

This is my favourite book because it is full of magic and imagination. The main character Daniel is taken on a magical adventure when he comes across a mysterious shop. He befriends Mr Silver, the shop owner, and his daughter but when Mr Silver suddenly goes missing, and unknown shadows start to appear around the emporium, Daniel has the challenge of saving his new friend.



## Parents As Partners

As an academy, we value the contribution that parents make in supporting their children's education. Over this half term we have organised sessions where parents have been invited in to have a greater understanding of what their child is learning as well as participate in the learning themselves. Year 1, Year 4 and Year 6 parents have been attended meetings to understand the Y1 Phonics Check, Y4 Multiplication Check and Y6 End of KS Assessments.

Parents have also enjoyed the 'Stay and..' sessions. Parents have Stayed and Read with their children or Stayed and Engineered. Feedback from parents include comments such as "I enjoyed the session seeing her in this environment and interacting with her friends.

Check out the school calendar for more dates coming after half term.

### BINGO NIGHT

AT MALTBY MANOR ACADEMY

As part of our ongoing fundraising activities and our commitment to being an academy at the 'Heart of the Community, with support of Friends of Manor, we are pleased to announce that we are bringing our Bingo Night back.

The event will be held in the main hall and is open to both children and family members.

**TUESDAY 14 MARCH<sup>TH</sup>**  
**FROM 4PM**

## Keeping Your Children Safe

On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February, we celebrated Safer Internet Day looking at how children can stay safe online. The theme this year was 'Want to Talk About it', and during the day, the children discussed their life online and which apps and sites they like to use.

As parents, it is important for us to talk about what our children are doing and seeing online as well as keep an eye on their activities. The NSPCC has lots of resources and ideas which you can use to help start the conversation, whatever age your child it is at. For more information, please use the link below:-

[Teaching Your Child about Internet & Online Safety | NSPCC](#)

