



# The Maltby Lilly Hall Times

Date of Letter - May 2018

Average attendance to date– 96.6%

Sessions lost through absence– 3388

Sessions lost through holidays– 782

## Mr Horrigan's Blurb

### Ofsted Report

I'm sure that parents will have seen our Ofsted report which was published just after the Easter holiday. While the report recognises the very significant progress we have made in the last year we know we have work to do in order to ensure that every child in our school has a high-quality learning experience throughout their time in school.

We now have a team in school who I know have the passion and commitment needed not only to achieve this aim, but also to drive the school to become the outstanding school which Maltby Lilly Hall Academy can be. We have shown what we can achieve with the 'Outstanding' judgement in foundation stage – the innovative approaches adopted by Mrs Searson and the team are now becoming nationally recognised – we have schools from across the region wanting to visit and see what we are doing.

Ofsted will return to our school in two years' time. At this point it is our aim for the school to be judged at least as 'good' or, if we have our way, even better.

### Mr Pease's

#### JOKE OF THE WEEK

**Why did the child go into SATs  
with trainers on his head?**

**He wanted to jog his memory!**

We have a fantastic school which serves a wonderful community – we are 100% committed to achieving excellence for all our pupils.

### Bamburgh Residential

I had the pleasure a couple of weeks ago of accompanying the year 5 pupils on the residential to Bamburgh. We had a wonderful week which was blessed with fantastic weather. The children, as always, did us proud – we walked miles and miles without any complaints and the children's behaviour was exemplary throughout. We were so impressed by the way that the children represented the school both out and about and while at the hotel - they did the school proud. I am so looking forward to seeing the learning which comes from the visit and I know it will be a time which the children will remember forever. We are all looking forward to next year!

### Welcome!

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mr Banks to the school. Mr Banks will be teaching in Year 3 Bears and I know he will be an excellent addition to our team. We will soon be welcoming Miss Herrington to school as Associate Senior Leader. Miss Herrington will be joining the school on 4th June (straight after half term) and will be working with Year 2 Badgers, alongside Mrs Moulding, for the final half term. Both these new colleagues will add to the strength of our teaching team and help to move the school towards our goal of providing excellence for all.

### Improving Attendance

I would like to say a huge thank you to

everyone for their efforts in helping everyone of our children attend school as often as possible. We know from our monitoring that the children who attend school regularly (more than 98% of the time) do better at school than those who had the same marks at the end of the previous year. Our average attendance is currently 96.9% - well above the levels we were achieving at this point last year. This is a fantastic achievement which will help to ensure that our children are given the best possible chance to achieve.

We now need to make sure this is maintained to the end of the year. Blocks of time taken out of school for holidays can be hugely damaging to children's progress – we don't have time in our crowded curriculum to revisit learning and if a child misses learning they often struggle to catch up. In the early years at school this can mean missing sounds in phonics – the very roots of reading. Later on, it can mean missing significant chunks of learning which might not be gone over until the next, more complex idea is introduced – children who have missed the foundations struggle.

I know that it is frustrating that we are inflexible over holidays in term time, but that is because we have seen how hard it is for children to make up the gaps they have in learning after an absence from school. By working together to ensure all our children attend school every day we can work together to make sure we give them all the best possible start in their education and that they go up to secondary school with a truly flying start.



## Mr Pease's Blog

### SATs tests 2018

That time of year is just about upon us and I want to praise the attitude and commitment of the children as they approach their SAT tests in years 2 and 6.

The dedication shown to classes, booster classes, mock testing and the intense revision in class is admirable. We know the children will all try their best and whatever the outcomes we are proud of them all.

As a reminder, please ensure your child gets a good nights sleep before the tests and that they have breakfast. We are opening school from 8.10am for year 6 children on each testing day and offering a choice of either; cereal and milk, toast, bacon or sausage sandwich, fruit and a juice drink for any child who wishes to come and have breakfast at school. The testing timetable is as follows:

<b>Monday 14th May</b>	—	<b>Grammar, spelling and punctuation test</b>
<b>Tuesday 15th May</b>	—	<b>Reading test</b>
<b>Wednesday 16th May</b>	—	<b>Maths arithmetic test and maths reasoning test 1</b>
<b>Thursday 17th May</b>	—	<b>Maths reasoning test 2</b>

### Fundraising

I am pleased to announce that our Christmas Fayre , Valentine discos and Easter discos have managed to raise over £2000 for our school. This is a staggering amount of money and is a testament to your generosity and support. We are spending the money on a state-of-the-art sound system for the main school hall, which is long overdue. The system has been ordered and will be installed next month. This will enable us to provide better quality and more varied fundraising events and performances for all children across school. Our next project is ensuring our new library is well stocked and furnished—we couldn't do this without your help—thank you.

### Crab Football

I have been watching the crab football tournament with interest and it is now reaching the final stages. The finals are held on 21st May and both Mr Herbert and I thank players, helpers and spectators who have made it a memorable event for all involved.



We will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May. This will be supporting Mr Jones in year 1 who has been selected to play in a charity football match against ex-international and professional players. He is doing this to raise money for a local charity called the Eve Merton Dreams Trust. The charity is a non-profit organisation who help and support terminally or seriously ill cancer patients. All children will be asked to bring in £1 or any donation which would be greatly received so that they can come in non-uniform.

## Diary Dates

11th May	-	2.15pm—Y1 Phonics Parent Meeting
<b>14th to 17th May</b>	-	<b>Y6 SATS Examinations</b>
17th May	-	NSPCC Assembly
17th May	-	2.00pm—Y1 Tea Party (Parents)
18th May	-	Royal Wedding Celebrations
18th May	-	Class Photo Day
21st May	-	NSPCC Workshops (Y5 & Y6)
21st May	-	Crab Football Finals
22nd May	-	F2, Y1 & Y2 Disco
22nd May	-	Tag Rugby Finals
24th May	-	Netball Finals
24th May	-	Y3 & Y4 / Y5 & Y6 Disco
25th May	-	Non-Uniform (see below) Last Day of Half-Term
<b>28th May to 1st June</b>	-	<b>Spring Bank Week</b>
4th June	-	First Day of Summer Term 2
5th June	-	Y1 Yorkshire Wildlife Park Visit
<b>11th to 15th June</b>	-	<b>Y1 Phonics Screening Tests</b>
Y6 TRANSITION DATES (PREVIOUSLY SENT) STARTING 21.6.18 TO END OF TERM		
22nd June	-	Current F1 Lunch with Parents
25th to 29th June	-	Y6 Residential—Caythorpe
26th June	-	Y2 Bridlington Visit
<b>29th June</b>	-	<b>INSET Day (school closed to pupils)</b>
3rd July	-	EYFS Farmers' Family Day
4th July	-	Y6 Road Safety Talk
10th July	-	Y2,3,4,5 & 6 Sports Day
11th July	-	Y6 BBQ (Times to be confirmed)
13th July	-	F2 & Y1 Sports Day
14th July	-	MLHA World Cup Football Festival
16th July	-	Open Evening
20th July	-	Last Day of School Year
<b>23rd July</b>	-	<b>INSET Day (school closed to pupils)</b>

