



The Maltby Lilly Hall Times

Date of Letter - February 2019

Average attendance to date— 96.3%

Sessions lost through absence— 1786

Sessions lost through holidays— 646

Mr Pease's Blog

This is my first official opportunity to welcome everyone back from the Christmas break. I sincerely hope everyone had an enjoyable and restful time with their families and I wish all our parents, carers and children a prosperous 2019. This is yet another exciting year for our school as we build on all the developments we put in place last year to make sure all our pupils receive a really high quality experience. The children in school have certainly hit the ground running after returning to school and the work undertaken has been of very high quality. From our outstanding EYFS provision to space and spooky alien sightings in year 1 up to learning about World War 2 in year 6, your children continue to impress and work hard.

Tree Planting

A huge thank you to all the parents, carers and grandparents who attended out 'Plant A Tree' event last week. The turnout was staggering and although the weather did turn a little wet and sleety, all the trees were planted and were planted well. It was great to see

Mr Pease's

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Did you hear about the actor who fell through a trapdoor?

It was just a stage he was going through!

the children interacting so well with their peers and other adults on a very worthwhile project. Thank you all again.

Badgers Class

To those who may be unaware, due to personal circumstances Miss Herrington has unfortunately left our school from mid-January. We are sorry to see her leave, but we have a very high quality teacher in Miss Pritchard who has stepped in to ensure the quality of education in Badgers class is kept to the high standards we expect. Miss Pritchard has more recently been working in Early Years, but also has KS1 experience. I'm sure parents will join the school in supporting her in her new role.

Toys

It has recently been noted that there has been an increase of toys being brought into school. These are sometimes brought in for 'show and tell', but others are simply used on the playground. There have been instances where these toys have not always been age appropriate and have been lost or damaged. I would remind parents that toys are not to be brought into school unless used for a specific purpose such as 'show and tell' and should be appropriate for the age of the children who own them.

Valentines Disco

Just a quick reminder that our Valentines discos take place soon. On Tuesday 12th February our Y3/4 disco takes place from 3.30-5pm and the Y5/6 disco is on the same day from 5.30-7pm.

Our KS1/EYFS disco is on Thursday

14th February, beginning at 3.30pm and ending at 5pm. Refreshments and novelty gifts will be available at all discos. Tickets are now on sale which include a hot-dog and a drink for each child.

Sports Events

We are all incredibly proud of all our children who represent school at different sports. So it is with great pride that our Y5/6 footballers finished 7th in the South Yorkshire Finals last week—a terrific achievement, well done! Our gymnasts also did us proud—Y3/4 won their competition and Y5/6 finished 2nd. A great achievement and again, well done!

Attendance

It has certainly been pleasing to see a decrease in the amount of children arriving late in Y5/6 over the last few weeks—this ensures that your child receives the important teaching at the very start of the school day. However, lateness remains an issue in Key Stage 1. Please try to ensure your child arrives on time—thank you.

Bingo Night

A big thank you to all who attended our bingo night this week. Your support and generosity (particularly on a bitterly cold night) really is appreciated as we look towards developing our school library. I sincerely hope you all had fun and well done to those lucky winners! Keep an eye out for dates of the next event.



Mr Horrigan's Blurb - E-safety

With the recent press coverage about children being exposed to inappropriate images on Instagram, and the damage this might cause, we felt it opportune to highlight a couple of areas brought to our attention recently.

Fortnite: Battle Royale

Fortnite is extremely popular with children across the school. However, the advisory websites highlight the chat feature as presenting a potential risk. There is little external control of who can join a chat - any member of a chat can invite someone else to join. This can be a source of cyber-bullying or might be exploited by someone wishing to gain access to children. The advice is to agree rules with the children about how it should be used or, alternatively, turn the feature off.

Safety Apps

There are a range of apps appearing for parents to be able to monitor their children's online activity. These can be a valuable tool in allowing you to give children independence while keeping an eye on what they are doing. One such app on Android is Google Family. This app is installed on the parent's phone as well as the child's and allows the parent to monitor or restrict use of different apps, set screen time limits as well setting as bedtimes and seeing where a child's phone is. It also allows a parent to remotely lock a child's phone. Similar apps are available on other platforms. And can be really useful addition to a good online education.

Mrs Searson's Bulletin

Working Together

It has been wonderful to see more parent volunteers supporting teaching and learning in school. Thank you to those people who are giving their time to support our children. We have also enjoyed some wonderful family learning experiences including the Y1 'Super Space' workshop led by Rotherham CLC where families created their own solar systems to take home following on from their Space Dome visit! Look out for more of these fantastic family events in the coming months across school. Generally it is wonderful to see more of our families in school, more of the time.

Sporting Achievements

Congratulations to our Y3/4 gymnastics who came 1st and Y5/6 gymnasts who came 2nd in the recent Maltby Gymnastics Festival held at Maltby Academy. Our Y3/4 gymnasts will now go on to compete at the Rotherham competition. Also a huge well done to our Y5/6 footballers who, having become champions at the Maltby and Rotherham tournaments went on to come 7th at the South Yorkshire Finals!

Diary Dates

12th February - 3.30pm to 5.00pm	Y3/4 Valentine Disco
12th February - 5.30pm to 7.00pm	Y5/6 Valentine Disco
13th February -	FS2C—Potteric Carr Visit
14th February - 3.30pm to 5.00pm	FS2 & Y1/2 Valentine Disco
15th February -	Last day of half-term
18th-22nd February -	Half Term Week
25th February -	INSET Day—school closed for children
26th February -	Back to School
28th February -	Y6 Holocaust Centre Visit
6th - 11th March -	Book Fair Week
15th March -	Red Nose Day—Lilly Hall's Got Talent
18th March -	CLC Family Learning with F2J AM & F2C PM - Bringing books to life
21st March -	Y3 Twycross Zoo Visit
1st—5th April -	Y5 Bamburgh Residential
12th April -	Last day of term
15th - 26th April -	Easter Holidays
29th April -	Back to School
6th May -	MAY DAY—School Closed
13TH-17TH MAY	KEY STAGE 2 SATS
24th May -	Last day of term
27th - 31st May-	Spring Bank Holidays
3rd June -	Back to School
3rd—7th June -	Y6 Residential - PGL Boreatton Park
26th June -	Y4 Visit to Harry Potter World
5th July -	INSET Day—school closed for children
19th July -	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL YEAR