



The Maltby Lilly Hall Times

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Mr Pease's Blog

Welcome back!

A huge welcome back to all parents, carers and children to the Lilly Hall family. March seems an awfully long time ago now and I think it is safe to say we have all been on a bit of a rollercoaster ride since then. I sincerely hope you have all had chance to have a rest and some quality family time with your children over the summer and I have to say it is lovely to get back to some resemblance of normality, to hear the children's voices around school again and see them all enjoying learning.

On the subject of your children, they have been absolutely amazing since returning only two weeks ago. I have been blown away by their resilience, attitude to learning and the way they have adapted to this 'new normal'. They really are a credit to you and is a measure of how well you have nurtured them over these uncertain times just as much as their own ability to adapt, so on behalf of all the staff—thank you.

Mr Pease's

JOKE OF THE WEEK

How much do pirate earrings cost?

A buccaneer!

(Thanks to Jack Broadbent for that one)

Safety First

As I am sure you are aware by now, we are putting the safety of parents, carers, staff and children as a top priority. I have been pleased with the positive response we have had to the arrangements put in place so far and we have tweaked areas which we felt needed improving. I hope you have all seen and read our risk assessment and premises tour on the school website, along with the links to government documents to aid you on your child's return to school. I thank those parents who have been prompt in ensuring their children have been dropped off and picked up at the correct staggered times—this is important to avoid mixing class bubbles. We have had some cases of children arriving a little too early for their class—I urge you to please ensure your child only arrives at the allotted time (unless they have siblings who arrive earlier). If your child will be late for their start time, please being them to school at 9.30am.

Information on Covid-19 symptoms and what to do if your child develops these is overleaf. I would also urge parents and carers to see the flyer which is now on the front page of our website entitled 'Responding To A Suspected Or Confirmed Case Of Covid-19'.

Please ensure that your child only brings a water bottle, packed lunch (if required) and any essential medication to school. Large rucksacks should not be brought in. I would also like to remind parents that only one adult should bring a child or children to school, this minimises the amount of people on site at any one time.

Fabulous start!

As well as the fabulous attitude your children have shown since returning to school, they have also been working hard. Our focus has been the well being of children on their return alongside the curriculum subjects we cover. The children have adapted to this incredibly well and are producing some amazing work, from space art in year 5 to Stone Age work in year 3, your children continue to impress us all.

Reading Books & Homework

Your child should by now have had their reading books sent home along with their new school planner. Please take care of these, if a planner is lost then a charge of £2 will be administered for a replacement. Homework for your child (KS2) will be distributed via the Purple Mash online platform that was used during lockdown. Your child's teacher will advise when homework will be set. If you have any issues accessing this, please don't hesitate to get in contact with school and we can ensure you receive the homework via alternative means.

Dogs

Just a reminder to all parents and carers that dogs are not allowed on the school premises at any time. We have noticed some dogs on the premises at home time and we please ask that they are not brought into school.

Know Your Symptoms

Covid-19

- Fever
- Dry Cough
- Fatigue
- Shortness of Breath

Flu

- Fever
- Dry Cough
- Runny Nose
- Headache
- Sore Throat
- Muscle and Joint Pain

Cold

- Cough
- Sore Throat
- Aches and Pains
- Watery Eyes
- Sneezing
- Runny or Stuffy Nose

Allergies

- Sneezing
- Coughing
- Itchy Eyes
- Runny or Stuffy Nose

Covid-19

Understandably, many parents and carers have been enquiring about whether their child should be sent to school if they have certain symptoms. The guide above should provide you with an idea of whether your child has symptoms relating to Covid-19 or whether they are suffering from another illness. If your child has any of the following symptoms then they should not be sent to school, should self-isolate and get a Covid-19 test.

- A raised temperature or fever
- A continuous dry cough
- Fatigue
- Shortness of breath
- A loss of taste or smell

If your child develops Covid-19 symptoms during the school day, then you will be called to collect them as soon as possible. They will be isolated in school until they are collected and you will be advised to self-isolate and obtain a Covid-19 test.

We currently have had no positive tests for Covid-19 in school, however, should one arise we will inform our local health protection team (part of Public Health England) who will work with us to carry out a rapid risk assessment and identify appropriate next steps. This may involve closing a class 'bubble' at short notice, or sending children home who have been in close contact with the affected child. Parents will be fully informed of any actions taken. Any children who have to self-isolate will be given remote learning opportunities through Purple Mash. More detailed information can be found in the government document '[Guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus infection](#)'.

Diary Dates

23rd October 2020	-	INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
26th to 30th October 2020	-	October Half Term Week
2nd November 2020	-	School Re-opens
12th November 2020	-	Individual Photo Day
18th December 2020	-	Break up for Christmas
21st December to 1st January	-	Christmas Holidays
4th January 2021	-	School Re-opens
15th to 19th February 2021	-	February Half Term Week
22nd February 2021	-	School Re-opens
29th March to 9th April 2021	-	Easter Holidays
12th April 2021	-	School Re-opens
3rd May 2021	-	May Day
4th May 2021	-	School Re-opens
31st May to 4th June 2021	-	Spring Bank Holiday Week
7th June 2021	-	School Re-opens
2nd July 2021	-	INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
16th July 2021	-	Last Day of School Year
19th & 20th July 2021	-	INSET Days (school closed to pupils)
Summer Holidays		

Mrs Searson's Bulletin

We would like to welcome back families and all new families to the Maltby Lilly Hall Academy family especially all of those who have started in our Lilly Hall Nursery class. Children have filled our classrooms and school with life, love and joy and it is an absolute pleasure for us all to be with them again. Well done to you and them for coming back to school with such motivation and trust.

We look forward to spending time listening and talking and building a curriculum together which builds their skills and knowledge and provides enjoyment and inspiration.

Please remember to return any school books by putting them in the labelled boxes outside the school reception as you walk around our one-way system. Daily teaching and learning in phonics has already begun and we will be re-launching all of our reading challenges as soon as it is safe to do so. Reading is highly valued and central to our curriculum intent. We know you agree and share our passion in teaching reading as a core skill and in fostering a love of reading in us all.

Please continue to help us communicate positively to one another despite the current challenges via the various remote systems and be kind and considerate to each other as we re-establish our school community.