



Date of Letter - March 2020

Average attendance to date— 96.1%

Sessions lost through absence— 2436

Sessions lost through holidays— 578

# The Maltby Lilly Hall Times

## Mr Pease's Blog

### An Exciting Start to the New Year

What a good start we have had to the new year - children across the school have been producing some fantastic learning and they have had some wonderful experiences while doing it.

This is part of our focus on developing with the children our eight core characteristics of a Maltby Lilly Hall learning. We want our children to be knowledgeable, resilient, confident, moral, sociable, independent, inquisitive and ambitious - teachers are working hard to provide experiences which will promote these characteristics and enable our children to develop as the outstanding learners we know they can be.

### Performing and Performances

Year 5 had a wonderful time a few weeks ago on their trip to the Nottingham Playhouse to see a production of 'Holes'. For some of the children this was their first experience of visiting a theatre and they were keen to talk about how it was completely different to going to the cinema - many of them were taken by surprise at this.

### Mr Pease's

### JOKE OF THE WEEK

**I got a brass instrument for my birthday, but it is still in its box.**

**I'm not one to blow my own trumpet!**

One child commented that "it had been the best day ever!"

Alongside this, year 4 are currently practising for their role in a production of 'Hansel and Gretel' the opera is to be staged by Rotherham Music Service at Magna on April 1st. All the Maltby Learning Trust primary schools are joining together to put on this performance which is in conjunction with the Royal Opera House. We are looking forward to a wonderful evening.

### Sporting Success

I would like to wish a huge congratulations to our runners and footballers on their continued success. Our girl's year 4 cross-country runners are through to the South Yorkshire final, to take place in the next couple of weeks - we know they will do us proud.

Alongside this, our year 6 boy's five-a-side football team have now won through to the north of England finals to take place in Harrogate. This will see them represent South Yorkshire against sides from Greater Manchester, Newcastle and the other major northern regions.

We are really proud of all of our children who take part in sports events on behalf of the school and know you will join with us in celebrating their success.

### Lilly Hall Road Parking

I would like to continue the theme from my last two newsletters around parking on Lilly Hall Road and Cliff Hill. We have noticed an increasing number of parents pulling onto the yellow zig-zags at the gates on both entrances to drop children off. Not only is this in contravention of traffic regulations and can result in a fine, but it also

compromises the safety of our children. Last week we were told of an instance where a delivery lorry was trying to get into the school gate, while children were crossing the road and driveway and parents were pulling onto the zigzags - in these types of circumstances it is only through luck that we avoid a major incident.

### Reading, Reading, Reading

Thank you to everyone who has supported our discos and bingo nights over the last couple of years. We have now managed to raise approximately £5500 which means we are able to start to look at potential designs for our new library facility - which is really exciting.

We have also been undertaking a lot of work on the development of reading across the school. This includes the reading schemes, fluency groups, the 25 books and the recommended reads we are developing. More news on this to follow!

### Shoe Boxes

A huge thank you to all those who donated to our shoebox appeal over the Christmas period. We sent a massive 97 shoeboxes out to South Sudan from Maltby schools - the majority of which came from Maltby Lilly Hall. I have received a lovely letter of thanks from the lieutenant in charge of the peacekeeping force telling us what a difference they have made - look on our website or Twitter feed if you would like to read it.



# BLOG Spot

## Mr Horrigan's Blog

### **E-Safety Week**

Thank you to those parents who attended our e-safety session last week. As well as parents, all the Key stage 1 and 2 children and staff had input from Mr Tim Pinto, a national expert on this area. This was an interesting and revealing day.

One of the most startling aspects of the day for us was a brief survey Tim took of the children's internet usage. We were taken aback by the proportion of our younger children who have phones and tablets - this is more than the national average - as well as by the number of children who are regularly posting on apps such as TikTok (some children had posted hundreds of videos on this app) and using 'WhatsApp' groups regularly to talk to friends.

The rise of mobile devices is inevitable and it is now an intrinsic part of both our every day lives and children's culture. However, I would urge parents to ensure that they are personally familiar with the risks posed by the apps and games their children use and that they know what security and privacy settings their child has applied. There have been numerous instances apps such as of TikTok being used to target and exploit young children and, while we do not wish to scaremonger, it is important that both children and parents understand the risks and put measures in place to control them.

Further advice on this area can be found at any of the websites listed below or through the school website. Alternatively, please feel free to drop in to school where we can provide you with literature about the most common apps. We know that this is an exciting age for our children to be growing up in - we all need to work together to learn how to navigate it safely.

- **Rotherham Power** - <https://www.rotherhampower.co.uk/>
- **Thinkuknow** - <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>
- **Internet Matters** - <https://www.internetmatters.org/>
- **UK Safer Internet Centre** - <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>

### **Fundraising**

As Mr Pease has mentioned, we are on target for our library developments to be completed in the near future - so a huge thank you to all those who have supported us in this project. Alongside this, we have raised enough money at the Valentines Discos to enable us to purchase a vital piece of equipment for school - a defibrillator. This will be kept in the school office and ensure that we are able to give vital first aid to anyone in need on our school site.

We will be announcing our next fundraising focus in the coming weeks - Thank you for your continued support.

### **Coronavirus**

Please be aware that we are following government guidance regarding Coronavirus carefully and are taking steps to adjust our procedures where needed. Please impress on your children the need for careful handwashing - this always helps prevent the spread of germs.

## **Diary Dates**

Thursday 5th March	-	World Book Day
Thursday 5th March	-	Y3 AMRC Workshop
Thursday 5th March	-	Group 7 Crab Football
Monday 9th March	-	Y2 African Drumming
Monday 9th March	-	Book Fair 3.20 to 4.15
Wednesday 11th March	-	Parents Evening
Wednesday 11th March	-	Book Fair 3.20 to 6.00
Thursday 12th March	-	Parents Evening
Friday 13th March	-	Sports Relief Day
Friday 13th March	-	F2 Sandwell Beat Wood
Friday 13th March	-	New to F1 Stay & Play
Thursday 19th March	-	Crab Football Finals
Tuesday 24th March	-	Y1 Ladybird Tea Party
Wednesday 25th March	-	Y1 Butterflies Tea Party
Wednesday 1st April	-	Y4 Opera at Magna
Thursday 2nd April	-	EYFS Easter Bonnet Parade
Friday 3rd April	-	Y1-Y6 Easter Bonnet Parade
Friday 3rd April	-	Easter Assembly
Friday 3rd April	-	Last Day of Term

### 6th to 17th April—Easter Holidays

Monday 20th April	-	First Day of Summer Term
Monday 20th April to	-	Y5 Bamburgh
Friday 24th April	-	Residential
Tuesday 21st April	-	Y1 Family Learning
Friday 24th April	-	Y1 Family Learning
Monday 27th April	-	New to F1 Stay & Play
Friday 8th May	-	MAY Day - School Closed

### MONDAY 11TH MAY TO FRIDAY 15TH MAY - Y6 SATS WEEK

Friday 15th May	-	Class Photo Day
Friday 22nd May	-	Last Day of Half-Term

### 25th to 29th May—Half Term Week

Monday 1st June	-	First Day of Half-Term
Monday 1st June to	-	Y6 Boreatton Park
Friday 5th June	-	Residential
Monday 1st June	-	New to F1 Stay & Play with Childminders & Pre-School.

### MONDAY 8TH JUNE TO FRIDAY 12TH JUNE

### Y1 PHONICS SCREEN CHECK WEEK

Friday 26th June	-	New to F2 Parent Lunch
Friday 3rd July	-	INSET Day 4 (school closed to pupils)
Monday 6th July	-	EYFS/Y1 Sports Day
Tuesday 7th July	-	Y2—Y6 Sports Day
Monday 13th July	-	Y4 Harry Potter
Monday 13th July	-	Open Night
Friday 17th July	-	Last Day of School Year

## **Mrs Searson's Bulletin - Admissions & Transitions**

It is an important time of year for our school families, especially those in key year groups as we learn about confirmed school places into Woodlands 1 (Nursery), Woodlands 2 (Reception) and primary education and to secondary school education. Rotherham Council have already contacted families regarding confirmed school places into Woodlands 2 (Reception) and primary education on 16th April 2020. Children who are starting our school nursery—Woodlands 1 in September 2020 have already been contacted, allocated places are currently being confirmed. At Maltby Lilly Hall Academy we ensure that our children and families benefit from a thorough transition programme, which values our partnership working with childminders, pre-schools and secondary schools ensuring that every child and family are guided sensitively and professionally on to the next stage of education. Look out for important events and dates on the newsletters.

If you need any support with admissions please contact Mrs Askwith at our school office or Rotherham Council admissions on 01709 254826.