



The Maltby Lilly Hall Times

October 2020

Mr Pease's Blog

Thank You

I'd like to start this month's newsletter by thanking you all for your co-operation and flexibility in these times of extreme uncertainty. As a school we appreciate this and if we all work together to ensure the safety of the children, staff and families, the more likely we are to get back to relative normality sooner rather than later.

You will now be aware we have had to close the year 2 Raccoons bubble due to a staff member contracting Covid-19. I can report that the member of staff in question has only mild symptoms and is resting, we wish her well. The decision to close the bubble was carried out to ensure the safety of staff and pupils who have had close contact with the staff member involved and we look forward to welcoming the children and staff back after half term. Thanks to those who have kindly been asking of my whereabouts these last two weeks. I have had to self-isolate due to a close family member contracting Covid-19. I remain free from the virus and in good spirits to return after half term.

Mr Pease's

JOKE OF THE WEEK

The child who lives next door to me has an imaginary drum kit.

Can't beat that!

Traffic Safety

I am sad to report that the traffic outside school on Lilly Hall Road, both at drop off and pick up times, remains dangerous and unfortunately this has led to some 'near misses' in recent weeks. A member of our school family was hit by a push bike and there have been several and repeated instances of cars being parked illegally and in dangerous places. To this end I have asked the community police officers and Rotherham Council to regularly carry out spot checks in the morning and afternoon. They have the powers to distribute on-the-spot fines as well as ensure the safety of adults and children alike. I don't take this action lightly, but I have to ensure that the safety of all is prioritised. I would also ask you to remind your child to cross only at the crossing patrol as this is by far the safest way of avoiding the traffic.

Cyber Alert

We have recently had a couple of instances in school of potential cyber-bullying. Although this tends to happen outside of school, it has a big impact on the welfare of children in school as well. We therefore take a zero-tolerance attitude to this and we urge any child to let us know if this affects them. Please be aware of what your child does online and the access they have to electronic devices. This ensures you are aware of their 'electronic world', both their actions and those of others that may affect them. For more information on keeping children safe online and cyber-bullying, I recommend visiting:

<https://www.bullying.co.uk/cyberbullying/>

Remote Learning

We are passionate about ensuring learning takes place for your children at home just as much as when they are at school. Our remote learning offer can be found on our website here:

[MLHA Remote Learning Offer](#)

This gives you an overview of some of the resources used to provide learning for your children either for homework, if they have to self-isolate or are absent from school through long-term illness. These activities will closely relate to lessons taught in school. Our main remote learning platform remains Purple Mash, you should have a log in for your child already, but if it is lost or forgotten then please inform school and we will ensure it is resent to you.

Learning

As always, despite the unusual situation we find ourselves in, your children keep us going with their fantastic and relentless attitude to learning. I am currently holding Special Mentions assemblies remotely in school and I am blown away yet again by the children's work and perseverance in what has been a long and very different half term. Over the page is a summary of our school 'core characteristics' - these are explained overleaf and I have dedicated a child to each one for this month who has gone over and above in their learning.

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



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Parents' Evenings

As I am sure you will understand, due to the current Covid-19 pandemic we will not be having a face-to-face parents' evening this term. However, we do want to keep you updated on your child's progress so will be sending home a short report outlining your child's effort and attitudes to learning since September. These will be sent out electronically in week commencing 16th November.

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)

Maltby Lilly Hall Academy—Core Characteristics

Through our curriculum, we aim to educate the whole child, building character and knowledge together. In order to promote this, we have identified eight characteristics we aim to nurture within our children. Everything we do will promote the development of these core qualities which we feel are central to ensuring our children develop into well rounded, well-educated young people who are prepared for success in their next phase of education. More information on our core characteristics can be found [here](#).

In consultation with teachers, these children are deemed to have excelled in our core characteristics this month:

- The Knowledgeable Child**
Oliver B in Bears class for contributing well thought out answers during every lesson and presenting them clearly.
- The Resilient Child**
Molly L in Foxes class for persevering and taking on advice to ensure she performs at her best in all subjects—making great progress as she does so.
- The Confident Child**
Layton C in Dragonflies class for presenting to the class on his visit to the National Space Centre. He spoke confidently and in detail about what he saw.
- The Moral Child**
Danielle J in Wolves class as she is always confident to speak out truthfully whenever there are disputes to resolve and has an excellent sense of right and wrong.
- The Independent Child**
Charlie T in Ladybirds class for independently sitting and practising what he was taught the previous day. A great attitude towards learning independently!
- The Sociable Child**
Freddie A in Badgers class for always being a good friend to others and including them in his games if they are lonely.
- The Inquisitive Child**
Lucie F in Woodlands F2 for showing great interest in new things. She is continually curious about the world around her.
- The Ambitious Child**
Poppy D in Bluebirds class for going the extra mile in her learning. She is always taking notes, asking questions and regularly researches her learning at home.

Mrs Searson's Bulletin

As we come to the end of the first half term of 2020 it is with genuine pride that we thank all school staff, leaders and indeed families for helping us to keep as safe as we can be through these times and to be able to deliver a quality education to our children. In honesty our children have been remarkable during this time and it is evident more than ever how our partnership of working and educating our children together is vital. Please continue to support learning at home and especially continue to read together.

Keep listening, talking, spending family time together and keeping one another safe. We looking forward to seeing you all in half term two.

If you are struggling as a family during these times mentally, emotionally, physically or financially I kindly urge you to reach out as there is much local support available without judgement.