



**Maltby**  
**Lilly Hall Academy**

## MR PEASE'S BLOG

As we approach the Christmas holidays, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. This term has been highly productive, both in school time and with trips and enrichment activities held outside of school hours. Your children remain an absolute credit to you all in their attitudes to learning and their diligence and resilience in all they do. Expectations of the children have been raised again this year and the young people in our school have stepped up wonderfully well.

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who attended our recent Christmas productions. The children in every phase made the whole school proud, from the nativity in EYFS through to Humph the Camel in KS1 and our lovely outdoor carol concerts in KS2. It is obvious that we have really talented children in our academy and it is wonderful to see them so well supported by their parents and carers. Thank you also to all those who attended our Christmas Fayre, it was very busy!

We welcome two new members of staff to our team, one started with us this week, Mrs Wilson, who has already settled into her cover supervisor role superbly in KS1. The other is Miss Edwards, who takes over as our Early Years leader and Ladybirds class teacher from January. I know all parents and carers will make sure they feel welcomed to the school family.

Our new school library is finally nearing completion and we aim to launch this around February half term. Work on this was delayed due to the pandemic, but this has resumed and we look forward to it being finished for your children to enjoy and continue to promote their love of reading.

I sincerely hope that everyone has a fantastic holiday, a well earned rest and enjoys spending time with their respective families. The spring term always seems to be the term where your children's learning accelerates further and we have some exciting activities planned in the new year to ensure this takes place. Exceptional experiences include the Young Voices event, a trip to The Deep for Y4, virtual reality days for years 3 to 6, along with historical trips to museums and external visitors in differing year groups to enhance your child's learning.

Enjoy the holidays.

**MR PEASE - PRINCIPAL**

**#LILLYHALLFAMILY**

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### First Day of Spring Half-Term 1

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

### Y5 Bamburg Parent Meeting

Thursday 12th January

### Special Lunch Day

Thursday 19th January

### Y4 The Deep

Thursday 2nd February

### Bingo Night

Tuesday 7th February

### Young Voices

Friday 10th February

### February Half Term Week

13th to 17th February

### First Day of Spring Half-Term 2

Monday 20th February

### INSET DAY

Friday 24th February (school closed to pupils)

### Y6 Holocaust Museum

Tuesday 28th February

### Parents Evenings

Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th March

### Easter Discos

EYFS & KS1—Monday 27th March

KS2—Wednesday 29th March

### Easter Holidays

3rd to 14th April

### First Day of Summer Half-Term 1

Monday 17th April

### Y5 Bamburg Residential

24th to 28th April

### May Day

Monday 2nd May

### Spring Bank Holiday

29th May to 2nd June

### First Day of Summer Half-Term 2

Monday 5th June

### INSET DAY

Friday 30th June (school closed to pupils)

### Last Day of School Year

Friday 21st July

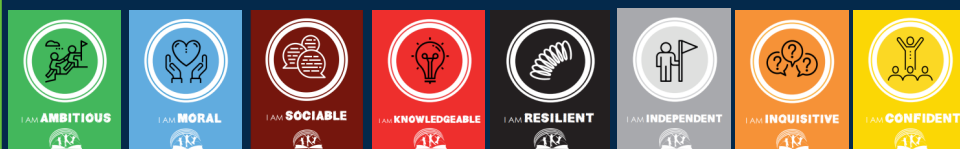


### CORE LEARNING CHARACTERISTICS

Our core learning characteristics continue to go from strength to strength. See the information link here:

[MLHA Core Learning Characteristics](#)

Please continue to talk to your child about these as they remain very high profile in school. Teachers are using the language of each core learning characteristic and your child may bring home a postcard explaining how they have demonstrated one of these when they have done it exceptionally well.



### ENRICHMENT CLUBS—TERM 3

Our enrichment clubs after school are continuing to prove very popular. If you have not done so already, please encourage your child to sign up for one next term. The clubs from January include Y5/6 animation with Mr Jones, Y5/6 girls football with Mr Hoskins, Y3/4 Film club with Mrs Dougherty, Y3/4 multi-skills club with Maltby Academy staff, Y1/2 arts club with Mrs Campbell, KS2 STEM (Science) club with Mrs Watts and Miss Williamson and finally Young Voices with Mr Banks and Miss Elliott.

### MASCOT COMPETITION

Thank you to all children who entered our World Cup mascot competition. We had some amazing entries, but the eventual winners were from Cadee-Leigh in Y5 and Rose in Y3, whose designs are below. They received their prizes in assembly today—well done.



Cadee-Leigh's  
design



Rose's design

### INSET DAYS

**As a reminder to parents and carers—the remaining INSET days this year are as follows**

Friday 24th February      Friday 30th June

**INSET days for 2023-24 are as follows**

Thursday 31st August      Friday 1st September

Friday 20th October      Friday 9th February

Friday 28th June

### SPECIAL DINNER DAY

Thursday 19th January will be our special dinner day. This is American themed—more details will be sent nearer the time. Please encourage your child to try our nutritious school meals, they are already proving very popular.



### FRIENDS OF LILLY HALL NEWS

Friends of Maltby Lilly Hall Academy would like to thank all parents and carers for their support during the first couple of months of setting up our group. We have managed to raise £1766 in just 6 events and we are now well on our way to being able to start looking at funding a book vending machine which we set out to fundraise for as an initial project. We are happy that we were able to fund some new crowns for the KS1 nativity play out of these funds as well as some books as gifts for all the children. We would like to wish all parents, carers, children and staff a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you at our next events in the new year.

### MRS MOORE'S BULLETIN

We've had a fantastic few weeks of Christmas festivities at Lilly Hall! From the Christmas Fayre to performances and carol concerts—the children have worked incredibly hard and made us all so proud. It's been lovely seeing so many parents and carers back in school for these festivities after a few years of not being able to do 'normal' festive events. I'd like to wish all families a very Merry Christmas!

Thinking ahead to the New Year, means for Year 6 they are approaching their end of year assessments as well as the beginning of transition to secondary school. Year 6 have shown, so far this year, an excellent attitude towards their learning and real perseverance to do their best. In early January, we will be beginning to run after school booster sessions, which will run alongside boosters already taking place in school. Some children will be invited to attend to support them to fulfil their full potential by the end of Year 6. Also starting in January is the highly successful Bridging Project, which is a series of early transition sessions run by Maltby Academy, prior to whole year transition. A select group of children will begin to attend these sessions which provide a fantastic chance to get to know the Maltby Academy site and staff.



## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Our current attendance from September to December stands at 95.0%, although this is currently an improvement on last year's figures, we still feel there is room for improvement. We'd like to continue to remind all parents and carers that good attendance is crucial to your child's development in school and every single day counts. One day missed is equivalent to 6 hours of key learning.

We please ask that all medical appointments are made for out of school hours as much as possible. We understand that this is not always able to occur, but it would benefit your child's learning to bring them to school before the appointment and pick them up rather than them take a full morning or afternoon absent from school.

School hours are 8.45am-3.15pm (Nursery 8.30am) - please ensure your child arrives on time as lost learning can equally be attributed to lateness.

For all our recent exceptional learning experiences, events and celebrations of achievements, please see our Twitter feed which can be found [here](#).



## MALTBY LILLY HALL ACADEMY - CORE LEARNING CHARACTERISTICS SHOUT OUTS!

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.

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

**The Knowledgeable Child:** Natalia in Y3 who has produced some wonderful answers in class this term.

**The Resilient Child:** Archie in Y5 for persevering so well with his work this term and improving his outcomes.

**The Confident Child:** Blake in Y1 for increasing his confidence in all areas of his learning.

**The Moral Child:** Amelie and Ben in Y6 for their fabulous school council work this term.

**The Independent Child:** Hannah in Y5 for her excellent and well thought-out home learning this term.

**The Sociable Child:** Everett in F2 for becoming more socially aware and making new friends so well.

**The Inquisitive Child:** Amelia in Y2 for asking great questions in her English and maths learning.

**The Ambitious Child:** Yet again, all children in KS1 who have had a bronze badge for reading—you are so ambitious in your thirst to read more books—keep it going!

