



## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

## NEWSLETTER – November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

It's been quite a term so far with plenty of exceptional experiences for your children that have either already occurred or are still to come. We welcomed the GLOW theatre company into school who put on a magnificent performance for Key Stage 1, Key Stage 2 children experienced the magic of virtual reality which brought their topics to life and our Early Years children experienced owls at close hand. Of course, these are only a few of the experiences this term, others can be seen on our Twitter / X feed (link below).

Parents and carers will have noticed our new crossing patrol is now in place on Lilly Hall Road. This gives us as a school and you, as parents and carers, peace of mind knowing there is a safe place to cross what is becoming an increasingly congested area. Whilst on the subject of traffic, I am being made aware regularly by other parents and residents of double parking on Lilly Hall Road in particular and of continued parking on the zig-zags at the front of school despite several attempts by school and the council to ensure this doesn't happen. I have spoken previously about the dangers this presents to children and to other parents and carers. I ask again to please park responsibly, even if it is a bit further away from school for the safety of all our children.

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended our recent parents' evenings, I sincerely hope they were helpful and productive. I also thank any parent and carer who completed a survey. These are valuable to us as they provide us with information on what we do well, but also where we need to improve. One thread that has appeared from these is that parents would like more information on what their child studies at school. To improve this, we will send out our curriculum newsletters in paper form, but they can also be found on our class pages [here](#). The curriculum newsletters give a good overview of your child's current topic and core curriculum studies.

Yours faithfully  
Mr Pease, Principal

### KEY DATES:

**Christmas Fayre**  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December

**Christmas Jumper Day**  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December

**EYFS – Nativity**  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December

**Key Stage 1 - Performance**  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

**Key Stage 2 Carol Concerts**  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

**Christmas Dinner Day**  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

For term dates and Inset days  
please click here

[Maltby Lilly Hall Academy -  
TERM DATES](#)

## ATTENDANCE

As previously mentioned, in your child's planner for 2023-24 there is a specific page especially for attendance (this is on page 134). There is a star for each week of the whole school year. Each time your child achieves 100% attendance on that week, they will receive a gold star sticker. Rewards now include a draw for any child who has had 100% attendance for the week, the winner receiving a £10 Amazon voucher. There is also a draw for any child achieving 100% attendance over a half-term. The draw prize for this is a £50 Amazon voucher.

Please ensure your child attends school regularly to ensure they don't miss out on high quality learning. Every day missed and every time a child is late for school, key learning is lost.



## MRS MOORE'S READING UPDATE

Reading is a real strength of our children throughout school and it has been a pleasure to see the progress they are making, right from the children beginning to learn phonics through RWI in nursery and reception to our oldest children who are accessing challenging texts in upper KS2. Reading not only develops our children's fluency and comprehension skills, but also develops their vocabulary, sentence structure for writing and their understanding of how to develop characters and plots. As a school, we celebrate reading in many ways and it was brilliant to award so many children with their bronze badges for consistent reading at home for last half term - they are now wearing them with pride around school. Many of our children are avidly working through their year group's must-read book challenge which we award certificates for when they hit certain benchmarks - I am looking forward to awarding more of these as the term progresses.



## FRIENDS OF LILLY HALL - UPDATE

### Pumpkin Design

Thank you to all parents and carers who took part in the pumpkin design competition – this raised just under £100 and the designs were amazing!

### Neon Disco

We have our 'Neon Disco' taking place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> January. We hope the children enjoy this.

### Bingo

Our first bingo night of the year will be held in January, further information to follow.

### Book Vending Machine

The book vending machine, funded by Friends of Lilly Hall has been ordered and we are awaiting delivery.

## UNIFORM

Thank you to all parents and carers for ensuring your child attends school in the correct uniform.

As a reminder our Academy uniform is as follows:

- Plain white shirt, blouse or polo shirt
- Royal blue jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan
- Dark grey or black trousers, skirts or shorts (summer term only)
- Black shoes
- **PE kit consists of a plain white t-shirt, black shorts and black plimsolls or trainers.**

Our uniform exchange scheme is still in operation, please contact the school on 01709 812148 for further information..

## BREAKFAST CLUB

We are working on changing times for our breakfast club, which currently runs from 8.10am. We realise this would be more convenient for working parents if the start time was earlier. We are currently liaising with our catering provider to look at a possible earlier start time, please bear with us and we will give an update when we have it

As an aside, please do not send children to breakfast club with their own toys, we cannot be responsible for these.