



The Maltby Lilly Hall Times

November 2020

Mr Pease's Blog

Update

I cannot believe the way this term is flying by. We are now approaching Christmas and I am proud of the whole Lilly Hall community in the way we have all been so positive in tackling the challenging circumstances we find ourselves in. I thank you all for adhering to our wearing of face coverings on site, as soon as we feel it is safe to do so, we will relax this measure, but for now I ask you to continue to wear these.

Your children continue to be a credit to you in school. The way they continue to adapt to our safety procedures is testament to their resilience and understanding. I thank you all once again for your flexibility and co-operation.

Surveys

We currently have two surveys which are active for parents. The first is a general parent survey on your child's provision which was sent as a link with your child's autumn term report. I please ask that if you have not filled this in, I would encourage you to do so. It

informs us not only of what we are doing well, but also what we need to do to improve further. I would also welcome any feedback you have on your child's autumn report as we can use this to inform the format and content of future reports where relevant.

The second survey involves parents in Ladybirds, Badgers and Butterflies classes around possible start time changes. There has already been a good response on this issue, but if you have not yet participated, please make your voice heard. This consultation will end next Friday (4th December).

Traffic Safety

I am still disappointed to report that the traffic outside school on Lilly Hall Road, both at drop off and pick up times, remains dangerous. I have asked the community police officers and Rotherham Council to step up their 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 continue to remind your child to cross only at the crossing patrol as this is by far the safest way of avoiding the traffic.

Bikes and Scooters

Just a reminder to all parents and carers that bikes and scooters should not be ridden or left on the school premises at this time. This is part of our Covid-19 response to ensure safety for all. Thank you for your co-operation.

Christmas

As Christmas is approaching I'd like to update you all on arrangements as it will look very different this year.

Christmas cards are being allowed, but in a restricted way. We do not wish to stop cards altogether, but due to the current pandemic we need to stay within our risk assessment. Your child will only be allowed to write a card to other children in their **class bubble**.

These should be brought only on either Friday 4th December or Friday 11th December. This gives us the opportunity to quarantine the cards in school for distribution **only on Monday 7th and Monday 14th of December.** Cards should not be brought on site on any other days in school. If this is abused, we may have to withdraw Christmas cards altogether, which we do not wish to do.

Dates for Christmas events are on page 2 of the newsletter. We have Santa coming into school twice, Christmas lunch, a Santa Dash, parties and Christmas jumper day to look forward to. Christmas lunch will be taken in classrooms as has been the norm since September and more information on the menu itself will be forthcoming.

Christmas parties will be in the afternoons in the last week of term and your child can come to school in their party clothes for this. School will be providing snacks and drinks to avoid donations from home.

Mr Pease's

JOKE OF THE WEEK

What's orange and sounds like
a parrot?

A carrot!

Mrs Searson's Bulletin

12 Days of Christmas Kindness

As part of this national initiative, our school will be supporting Maltby Food Bank and the Maltby Community for the festive period. Our school council have been asked to get involved with future projects when it is safe to do so but, in the meantime, Mrs Searson works as a volunteer and will collect and deliver food to the store and to people's homes over the Christmas period. A container will be put outside school reception each morning and end of day for parents to put donations in as they walk past. This will be safely quarantined, bagged and delivered each week. All families qualify for support from the Maltby Food Bank and we urge you to contact us for help should you find you need it.

More information is below and on the Maltby Food Bank Facebook page. If you would like to make additional donations or volunteer please do get in touch.



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:

- 1. The Knowledgeable Child—Ryan in Butterflies class for always confidently putting his hand up in class and contributing his ideas and knowledge of mathematics.**
- 2. The Resilient Child Frankie in Foxes always tries her best in all subjects. She perseveres to understand her learning and always strives to improve her work.**
- 3. The Confident Child Layla-May in F1—Layla is confident in talking to her peers and other adults in a range of situations.**
- 4. The Moral Child—Will in Raccoons for discussing how the characters in 'Boogie Bear' by David Walliams are different on the outside but still the same on the inside.**
- 5. The Independent Child—Harriet in Rabbits is always independent—Harriet works with great independence and accuracy in all lessons, taking great control of her own learning.**
- 6. The Sociable Child Juno in F2 because she is a great friend and is always kind and caring towards others in her class.**
- 7. The Inquisitive Child Jack in Owls class—Jack is always showing curiosity and a real flair for finding out exciting facts!**
- 8. The Ambitious Child - Frankie in Deer class is always challenging himself to Gold and Mission Impossible tasks in maths and trying more challenging vocabulary in his writing.**



Diary Dates

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)

Christmas Dates

7th December	-	Santa Dash Week
11th December	-	Official Christmas Jumper Day
14th December	-	Santa Visit Maltby Town Council
15th December	-	Christmas Dinner Day (wear something Christmassy)
16th December	-	Maltby Lions Santa Visit

Party Days

Party days will be arranged in the afternoons of the last week of term. Your child's class teacher will advise when this will be. We will not be asking for donations of food, school will provide this (catering for allergies) and on the day your child can come to school in their party clothes.



Maltby Lions Colouring Competition

- Send £1 in a sealed envelope with child's name on - give to class.
- Child will collect picture from class teacher at the end of the day.
- All entries in by 14th December
- Winner of each key stage announced on 17th December
- To make a donation to Maltby Lions click [here](#)