



## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

## NEWSLETTER – October 2024

Welcome back to the autumn term here at Maltby Lilly Hall, I hope all parents and carers had an enjoyable summer and enjoyed some quality family time with your children and loved ones.

We have much planned in the autumn term with visits to Clifton Park for year 3 and to Conisbrough Castle for year 2. Year 6 have already been to Crucial Crew and year 5 attended Maltby Academy this week as part of our Literary Festival.

I am sure most parents and carers will know by now, but the Seesaw platform is now our main means of communication. This will improve communication across the school and gives you as parents and carers more insight into what our curriculum looks like in the classroom. If you haven't already, please download the Seesaw app from your relevant mobile app store as this is the easiest way to get notifications on your child's work, or messages from teachers or the office. As mentioned in July, it is imperative that when signing up for Seesaw that you fill out the short permissions form which can be found [here](#). This will ensure we know whether your child's photo or video can be posted on the platform. Without this consent, we cannot publish photos or video with your child in it. The feed is now live, and we hope you enjoy seeing your child's work in school.

All the learning your children will be accessing this term can be found on the class pages section of our website and clicking 'curriculum theme' [here](#).

Mr Pease  
**Principal**

### Dates for your diary:

**Y4 visit to RSPB Old Moor**  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 24

**Y2 visit to Conisbrough Castle**  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 24

**Y3 visit to Clifton Park**  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 24

**INSET Day**  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 24

**Parents' Evenings**  
13 and 14 November 24

**Christmas Fayre**  
Thursday 28 November 24

**Christmas Performances**  
EYFS – 5 and 6 December 24  
KS1 – 9 and 10 December 24  
Ks2 – 11 and 12 December 24

[Upcoming events](#)

## ATTENDANCE CHANGES

Attendance for our Academy currently stands at 95.4% for the autumn term. Regarding term-time holidays, I would like to draw all parents and carers attention to changes in the way fixed penalty notices are given within the Rotherham Local Authority Area for any term-time holidays taken from September 2024.

A communication was sent to all parents and carers explaining this in the summer term and can be found [here](#).

More information on these changes can be found on Rotherham Council's school attendance page [here](#).

We strongly discourage term-time holidays, but if any parents and carers are considering one, it is imperative you read the documents in these links as penalty charges have increased.

## MRS MOORE'S UPDATE

It has been fabulous to see all the children enjoying our Literary Festival this week. All the classes have been practising choral speaking and this will culminate in performances at the end of the week, with the school winners representing Lilly Hall in the final at the Grammar School building on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September. Author Paul Cookson and illustrator Liz Million have also been into school (see photos below) to work with the children, sign books and promote literacy. Alongside this, on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>, the children spent time after school enjoying reading and listening to stories in classrooms and the library. Thanks to everyone involved in making the week so special.



## FRIENDS OF LILLY HALL

We hope everyone has settled back into the new school year and looking forward to the exciting experiences school has to offer. Our first event will be a bingo night in October, which we inform you of soon.

Thank You to everyone who entered the sunflower competition and well done to our winner. Please see our Facebook page to see the amazing pictures we received.

We will be sharing more up and coming events soon.

## SCHOOL PARKING

As a school, we understand fully that space for adequate parking, particularly on Lilly Hall Road is not ideal, but this does not excuse the way that some parents and carers are parking their cars.

We'd like to remind parents and carers that parking on the zig-zags at the front of school is prohibited, even if this is dropping off children for breakfast club. This is dangerous as children cross at these points and cars can block the line of sight from vehicles coming in or out of the school drive on the Cliff Hill gate.

We are also aware of double parking on Lilly Hall Road when there is adequate space further along to park properly. As mentioned, the road is not ideal for the number of cars that collect and drop children off, but this is something we cannot change. However, we can ask that parents and carers park in a more responsible manner by finding appropriate space further along the road.



## UNIFORM UPDATE

Please be aware, no children will be allowed to carry out PE unless they remove their earrings. This is a safety requirement. If you are unsure if your child can remove these, please do not send them to school in earrings on their PE days. Thank you for your co-operation on this. Our uniform exchange scheme is still in operation, if this is of use to any parent or carer, please contact school on 01709 812148. Please ensure your child has the correct school uniform on every day, including correct PE kit – our school uniform details can be found on our website [here](#). If your child is not in correct uniform, this will be provided for them to change into on arrival.

