



## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

## NEWSLETTER – November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

The routines of school life are now well established; the children are completing quality learning and as I walk around the Academy, it is a pleasure to speak to the children and observe the pride that they take in their work. We will soon be starting our Christmas events and very much look forward to sharing these with you and thank you in advance for your continued support.

At the beginning of November, we had external visitors who reviewed the EYFS provision, our reading offer and our approach to supporting children with special educational needs. The outcome of the visit was overwhelmingly positive with the visitors recognising the rapid improvements across the Academy and how we are aiming for excellence for all of our children. The EYFS provision enables our students to get off to a flying start and places high emphasis on quality interactions, expert teacher-led provision and an outstanding learning environment. Reading is delivered consistently; children are highly engaged and enjoy the challenge to access rich and aspirational texts. Oracy and discussion featured highly during the day; our children were able to show how they are embracing the framework and how this has been embedded across the academy. Our approach to supporting pupils with SEND is robust and the children thrive with their bespoke learning packages.

Visitors to our Academy always comment on what a calm and friendly culture the school exhibits and how it warmly welcomes members of the community and wider. Leaders and staff at the Academy work hard to create a safe, calm, and positive environment and this is underpinned in two ways. One is the promotion of our key Learning Characteristics, and the other is outlined in our Behaviour Policy. This policy shares our expectations from all members of the school community and highlights what is acceptable behaviour. Examples of which include; good listening, lining up sensibly, showing good manners, playing sensibly and safely, as well as looking after our environment. We have sanctions in place for children who do not follow these expectations which include the 'Good to be Green' system with the red and yellow cards for unacceptable behaviour. We also have lots of rewards including individual class rewards, Dojo points, postcards, stickers and the Principal Award Certificate on a Friday during our weekly celebration assembly.

## NOTICES AT MALTBY REDWOOD

### SAFEGUARDING

Sometimes when there are incidents that occur inside and outside of school, we are unable to let you know the details due to confidentiality and other sensitivities. At times, issues are shared on social media without all the facts and we are not able to fill in the gaps for these reasons.

Please be reassured that we will always let you know everything that we can and that every action we take is done with all the children's well-being at heart. If you ever have any concerns about how something has been handled or the actions we have taken, please come and see us so that we can talk through how procedures have been followed.

### PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

A number of parents and residents have recently raised concerns about the parking on the roads surrounding our Academy at the beginning and end of the day. Please can we remind everyone to be respectful and also not park on the pavements to enable our children to walk to and from school safely.

## KEY DATES:

### Pantomime Visit

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November

### Christmas Fayre

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December

### Christmas Jumper Day and Santa's Grotto

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December

### EYFS Concert

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

### Key Stage1 Concert

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

### Key Stage 2 Carol Concerts

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

### Christmas Dinner Day

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Party dates can be found here, [Maltby Redwood - Upcoming Events](#)

## EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE OPEN DAY

The EYFS Open Day at Maltby Redwood was a great success. Parents who currently have children at Redwood were amazed with the changes to the provision and commented on the high-quality learning environment. We also welcomed new parents who talked very positively about Redwood and were eager to put their child's name down for a place. Should you wish to meet the Early Years team, please do not hesitate to get in touch.



## EXCEPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

### Rotherham United Football

Well done to our mixed football team who played a great half-time football match at Rotherham United Football Club. They played valiantly with great enthusiasm; it was a great experience!

### National Justice Museum

Year 6 had an exceptional learning visit to the National Justice Museum. They learnt all about crime and punishment and how this has changed and developed throughout the years. It was a very informative day.



## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING WITHIN THE ACADEMY

### Remembrance Sunday

Special thanks to our Student Council members and their families for representing Maltby Redwood Academy at the Remembrance Parade on Sunday 12th November.

### Monster Ball

Redwood children had a 'spooktacular' Halloween at our Monster Ball. Thank you to all who came, we raised an amazing £212.97!