



## Maltby Hilltop School

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Dear families, parents and carers,

### Happy New Year

Welcome back to all our students. It has been great to see so many pupils back and settling well to class learning again. I do hope you all had a decent break.

### Sickness and Diarrhoea

I am aware that many schools have had significant outbreaks of sickness with some closing before Christmas due to the vomiting bug/norovirus. We have been fortunate not to be hit with significant illness and our school attendance is the best it has ever been at 90.5%. Thank you all for really making a huge effort to ensure your child attends school and you let us know about appointments. I have been re-reading the NHS guidance around sickness, vomiting and diarrhoea. I realise we had information either wrong or out of date on our website. I just wanted to share the NHS guidance with you all to try to ensure our vulnerable pupils don't come into contact with any sickness bugs.

They are very clear that any person with vomiting, sickness or diarrhoea needs to "Stay off school or work until you have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days." We have changed the advice on our website as well and just want to ensure if your child has had sickness or diarrhoea they do not return to school for 48 hours after the last time they were unwell.

Our 'information for parents' page on website makes it clear

There is a NHS link which may help <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/diarrhoea-and-vomiting/>

### New Pupils

We have 3 new pupils who have now formally started on roll with us and have had a good week in their new school. A couple of them are still increasing their times/days and we would want to welcome the students and families to our school.

### Parent's Chinwag and Facebook page

This is a very informal and friendly meeting for parents to discuss whatever is important to you. If you have not been I would recommend you contact Becky Earp and take this opportunity to chat to other parents.

There is also the 'parents only' Facebook page which again is organised by Becky.

### Our Futures Night

We would encourage you to get involved and attend this very useful meeting on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February between 5pm and 7pm in the hall. It will be a drop in and informal chat session. There will be a number of providers and services present to give advice. It has been really useful in the past and I would encourage you to come along if you have an older student for some good advice and support post Hilltop.

### New Job Adverts

We have a number of new jobs being advertised on our website and Facebook. Please spread the word as we want some great people to work with our children and young people.

### Yorkshire Wildlife Trust

We met with Bryony from the trust and they are planning to create a small wild flower meadow, water recycling planter/benches, plant some trees and reclaiming rainwater from our new polytunnel. They have also given us some great ideas for developing the pond area. It is quite exciting to see what they are planning for us over the next month. They have also invited our students to visit Potteric Carr Nature Reserve and we are planning this over the next few weeks.



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### MyEd

We have purchased an app for us to communicate with parents. It is a simple app on your phone which will notify you of letters dates etc. We are in the process of setting it up and it should be up and running in the next few weeks. We are aware there are and have been some issues with communication at school. We are hoping this will help us all to keep in touch and reduce the amount of paper we waste.

### Pink and Yellow Classes new PMLD play area opening

As I hope you are aware we have some new play equipment paid for partly by donations and grants from others. These are specifically for our pupils with more complex needs who are likely to be wheelchair users. Alice and John have worked hard on the planning and design of this. We have asked Shaz Biggin our Chair of Governors and the Chair of Maltby Town Council to formally open the play area. The opening will be at 10am Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January. Alice and John will be sending out letters to have a coffee morning in classes to celebrate the new equipment. All parents are welcome to come. We also hope to have some plans to share for the new therapy suite which should be soon underway.

### Dates for your diary

Name of event	Date and time	Booking details
Open Day – show round school	Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan 10am & 1:30	Book with the office
Playground opening and coffee morning in Pink & Yellow	Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan 10am	Letter to come out – just let us know if you are coming
Our Futures Night	Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb 5pm to 7pm	Informal drop in to talk to providers of post 19 education.
Open Day – show round school	Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb 10am & 1:30	Book with the office
Parents Chinwag	Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb 10am	Do come along to The Brecks.
Upper school Parents and Carers meetings	Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb PM	Book in with your child's teacher – letters to come out soon.
Lower school Parents and Carers meetings	Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb PM	Book in with your child's teacher – letters to come out soon.
Valentines Coffee Morning	Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb 10am	Do come along
Proud Assembly	Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2:30pm	Do come along
Break up for half term	Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School holiday 17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb
Training day – no students	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School closed

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