

## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

# **NEWSLETTER - December 2023**

#### Dear Parents/Carers

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for warmly welcoming me into the role of Associate Principal at Maltby Manor. It has been an absolute privilege to step into this position.

In this first term together, we have accomplished a great deal in supporting the children of Manor in their learning journeys. Whether it was collaborating on home learning, actively participating in stay-and-learn sessions, or joining us for our community events, your engagement has been invaluable. Our working partnership is truly valued, and I look forward to continuing our collaborative efforts for the benefit of our children.

As we reflect on the joyous Christmas season, I want to express our appreciation for your wonderful participation in the festive events at Maltby Manor. From the lively Bingo night and enchanting Christmas Fayre to the heartwarming Christmas dinner and delightful performances, each moment has been a celebration of togetherness.

Our Christmas spirit continues, and we invite you to join us for our annual visit to the church later this week.

Additionally, we would be honoured to have you at our end-of-year Christmas assemblies on Friday 22 December. The KS1 assembly will commence at 9:00 am, followed by the KS2 assembly at 2:30 pm. Your presence will undoubtedly add to the warmth and festive cheer.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to the Maltby Manor community.

Mrs Wilby Associate Principal

## ATTENDANCE

## Key Dates:

Monday 8 January Students return to school

> Tuesday 9 January Young Voices

**Tuesday 23 January** Y6 visit to Cenotaph

**Thursday 25 January** Reception visit to The Deep

> Wednesday 31 January Y5 visit to Jorvik

For more Key Dates in 2024, please use the following link:

<u>– Maltby Manor Academy – Calendar & Events</u>

We would like to emphasize the critical importance of regular attendance for your child's academic success. Currently, we are observing a concerning trend with a significant number of children arriving late or being absent.

Approximately 20 children are arriving late each day, impacting their engagement with important lessons, particularly in subjects like Maths. This lateness can result in a gap in understanding; hindering their progress.

Please be aware that if your child's attendance falls below 95%, we will schedule meetings with our Attendance Officer to collaboratively address and improve their attendance. Starting in January, you will notice a staff presence at the front of the school in the morning and at the end of the day.

### CHRISTMAS DINNER

One of the cherished traditions at Maltby Manor is our annual Christmas dinner, where the school community comes together as one big family to celebrate the festive season. This special occasion offers a unique opportunity for us to forge lasting memories by spending quality time together. As we gather around the festive table, the air is filled with meaningful conversations, laughter through shared jokes, and the uplifting harmony of joyous singing. The magic of this experience serves as a heartfelt reminder that the true essence of the holiday season lies in the simple yet profound joys of spending time with friends and family. We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas with your families, filled with love and joy, and we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



#### YEAR GROUP ATTENDANCE TO DATE:

Fullwood – 94.9%	Buckingham – 95.7%
Fountains - 92.0%	Blenheim – 92.5%
Fitzwilliam – 92.4%	Cannon – 90.5%
Kelham – 94.5%	Chastworth – 90.5% Haddon – 89.9%
Kensington – 94.9%	
	Hardwick – 91.7%
Aston – 86.7%	
Ashford – 91.0%	
Rufford – 95.6%	

Roche – 92.1%





#### FRIENDS OF MANOR

A special initiative that goes beyond the traditional PTA. Friends of Manor is all about fostering a strong partnership with parents/carers to further enhance our school community. Being a part of Friends of Manor means joining hands with us to support the school in various ways, such as hosting fundraising events, lending an extra pair of hands for trips and experiences, and more.

If you're interested in becoming a Friend of Manor, please feel free to speak with Mrs Howis or Mrs Radford. We are always on the lookout for more volunteers, and your involvement can make a significant difference. Together, we can create an enriching environment for our children. We invite you to be an integral part of this collaborative effort and look forward to building a stronger, more vibrant school community together.



