

# Newsletter

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## Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach Christmas, it seems an opportune time to write to all our parents and carers with an update on the Trust and our plans for next year.

It has been an eventful and positive term for Oak Trees, and some of the exciting events and future plans are outlined below. Our MAT values of respect, collaboration and inspiration underpin everything we do at Oak Trees, and we are lucky to be able to work together to deliver the best education possible for our children. Hopefully the information below will give a flavour of how we are doing and the success of our Trust:

## MAT Events and Training

Collaboration is key to the success of the Trust and there is a well-established programme of events in place to enable schools to work together for the benefit of our children. Earlier in the term, I led an online assembly with Mr. Martin for all pupils to launch the Oak Trees MAT Challenge, which invites every child to complete ten age-appropriate activities across the year. Each term the schools take part in a shared themed project – this term, the schools focused on ‘Diversity’ and their excellent work was shared on a collaborative day in November. We believe in continuous, high quality professional development to ensure our pupils receive the best possible education. In addition to shared training days on maths mastery, pedagogy and strategies to support pupils with SEND, there is a

comprehensive programme of subject leader network meetings to enable teachers to share best practice and support each other through joint projects. There is so much talent across the Oak Trees schools and it is very exciting to see the quality of education improving as a result of these established collaborative practices.

## Parent Surveys

We plan to carry out parent surveys across all our schools in 2023. This will help us to gauge how well each school is doing and find out any areas which we need to improve on. We already carry out a Trust staff survey each year, and this has been very beneficial for us to see how staff perceive the schools and the Trust and plan the future direction of Oak Trees. We will look to do similar in the new year, and hopefully this will enable us to help you as parents and carers have your views listened to and act on any feedback from the surveys.

## Greasby Junior School

We are delighted that Greasby Junior School will officially join the Trust on January 1st. Greasby is a fantastic school with an excellent reputation, and we are excited about having them as part of Oak Trees in the future. Staff from Greasby have been taking part in our training for many months, so their transition into the Trust should be seamless, and we are certain they will play a lead role as part of our team of schools in the future. Exciting times!

## Further Trust Growth

As you may be aware, a number of other Wirral schools have shown interest in joining our Trust. In January, Thingwall and Heswall Primary Schools and Hilbre High School begin consultation with a view to joining us later in 2023. We are very excited about the prospect of further schools joining us, and will keep you posted as the consultations move forward. It is likely that further schools will join the Trust in the next 2 years as our reputation grows and as more schools look to join a strong Trust, and we will keep you posted on this. The key issue about growth is that we need to continue to deliver quality support for our current schools as we grow, and we will be looking to increase our capacity at the MAT Central Team in order to be able to deliver for our strong and growing Trust and ensure that every child at every Oak Trees school thrives and achieves in every area of their school life.

From all of us across the Trust, we hope you have a fabulous Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.



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