

# Newsletter

February 2023

## Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach half term, I thought it would be timely to write with an update on the Trust on a few issues which I hope you will find of interest.

Our Trust vision of 'Achieving Excellence Together' has been apparent throughout the half term in the many Trust activities which have taken place, and we have some lovely events planned after half term including all schools celebrating Comic Relief on 17th March and a MAT Tag Rugby event in March. Our plan in the next few years is to increase the number of these events as we have more schools with us, as it's so important that our pupils from different schools meet each other and engage in common themed events across Wirral. When they do meet, our staff and pupils always show each other great respect, and this is a key value for Oak Trees.

On another note, our Trust has been shortlisted for the 'Most Improved Multi Academy Trust' award at the MATA awards in London in March. We are thrilled to be up for such a positive award, and whether we win or not we are thrilled with the nomination.

## Parent Survey

We will be running a parent survey in April for all our MAT schools to enable parents and carers to give their views on how well the school is doing and any areas which they can do better. The survey results will be shared with the Trust, Governors, school leaders and parents and carers, and we are hopeful that they will be positive as well as helping us to address any issues which may make things better for you and your child.

## Greasby Junior School

Firstly, a huge welcome to Greasby Junior School who joined the Trust in January. They have been working with us extensively for nearly 12 months,

so their transition into the Trust has been seamless, but we are thrilled to have them and are lucky to have such a fabulous school in the Trust.

In terms of further growth, there has been significant interest in our Trust in the past year which has culminated in the following conversion trajectory:

- Hilbre High School have applied to join the Trust, hopefully in September 2023
- Heswall Primary have applied to join the Trust, hopefully in September 2023
- Thingwall Primary have applied to join the Trust, hopefully in September 2023
- Irby Primary are consulting in March with a view to potentially joining us in January 2024
- Black Horse Hill Junior School are consulting in March with a view to potentially joining us in January 2024

Whilst this is a significant change for us which will potentially double the size of the Trust over a 12 month period, we are taking significant steps at the Trust to ensure that we have sufficient capacity and support to be able to deliver for our schools, and we are excited that our Trust will not only become one of the largest in the area, but that we will be able to reach a wider number of Wirral children and work together to make Wirral a better place.

Take care and thanks for all your support for our schools. Have a great half term.



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