

Dear Parents / Guardians,

31st March 2023

As we come to the end of my first term at Maricourt, I wanted to share with you some of the wonderful experiences we have had during this time.

After the success of the Dance Show before Christmas, we were delighted this term to be treated to the amazing performance of Aladdin. As many of the audience commented, this could well have been a professional show in any theatre. Our Aladdin cast also enjoyed a trip to see Mother Goose where they had a question and answer session with John Bishop. The delightfully creative side of school was on show once again later in the term when we hosted our musician of the year event, where a host of students displayed their immense talents to the enthralled audience. Well done to all!





Maricourt students were lucky to have been offered a number of overseas visits during this term. Pupils have taken part in the Spanish exchange, the ski trip and the trip to New York. In addition to this, we had the Year 11 Geography field trips to Bowness and the various rewards trips to Alton Towers and the Cinema. Busy times!



We have enjoyed a number of successes on the sporting scene. Not least the year 7 and 8 girls netball teams who were crowned Sefton champions alongside the football and basketball teams who were tournament winners. Congratulations to all representatives of Maricourt in all competitions.



Headteacher: Mrs Tracy Hatton



We finished the term, sharing our Lenten journey with each other through prayer and reflection, culminating in our Lenten services in the hall. Once again we were astounded with the talent on show and it was a pleasure to see the reverence and respect given by all students.



It is a privilege to work with such tremendous young people every day. We are committed to developing every young person within our care and look forward to strengthening our commitment to being the school where every young person is encouraged to be their best and achieve the extraordinary.

To continue our drive towards the highest of standards, we will be conducting a 'back to basics' campaign after Easter. May I remind parents of the rules regarding uniform including;

- No make up (including false eyelashes)
- No earrings
- No jewellery
- No lengthy nails or nail varnish
- Plain black shoes (not trainers)

The vast majority of our students are smartly dressed in correct uniform every day and we want this to be everyone. In addition to this, all students must have a school bag with them each day and this bag should be able to fit an A4 book in. As part of the 'back to basics' campaign, sanctions will be in place for any student who cannot meet the high expectations. Sanctions will include confiscation, detentions or time in the Reset area. Equally, we want to ensure that students are rewarded for getting things right every day so we will continue with our rewards on classcharts feeding into the termly rewards activities.

Many parents will know that at Maricourt, we pride ourselves on the care we give to our young people. Indeed, this was commented on in our recent Ofsted inspection. We recognise that there may be times when you would like to speak with a member of staff about your child. Whilst we will strive to answer your requests as soon as possible, may I remind parents that teachers, including progress leaders for each year group, are in lessons most of the day so immediate replies are not always possible. Similarly, all staff can make themselves available for an appointment with parents, but please ensure these are booked



in advance. We will, of course, get back to any messages as soon as we can and meet with parents at the earliest opportunity. Please do not come to school reception expecting a particular member of staff to be free as the chances are they will not be and it will be a wasted journey.

Finally, thank you to all parents who participated in the consultation for the changes to the school day. We are going to trial the change in times during the summer term. During this trial, the school day will begin at 8.55am and will end at 3.25pm.

As you prepare to spend time with your families over the Easter break, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and holy Easter. This special time of year offers us a chance to reflect on our own spiritual journeys and realise we are never alone. May this season of grace bring lasting joy and may Our Risen Lord bless each of our families with good health and happiness.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs Hatton Headteacher

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