



Halam Church of England Primary School

Life in all its fullness

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back for the Spring Term 2024 – may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New Year!



Terrific Assembly Awards

Well done this week to:

- Cherry Class:** Arlow for persevering with his maths work.
Charlotte for great participation and listening during story time.
Franki for super independent writing.
- Maple Class:** Thomas for persevering when gathering evidence about Pompeii.
Paige for persevering with her maths work.
- Oak Class:** Joe for his great contribution during the first DAaRT session
Archie for persevering with his maths work.

Head Team Award: Connie for smiling continuously!

Lunchtime “Good Manners” Awards: Thomas and Amelia B

Best attendance this week: Maple with 98.5%

Certificates from home:

Well done to Alice K for her swimming award, and to Erin and Rose for their taekwondo awards.

Housepoints:

I think we have the closest result yet, well done to everyone for their Housepoints this week!

First – **Emerald** (40)

Second – **Sapphire** (40)

Third – **Ruby** (39)



Dates for the diary:

Monday 15, January

Friday, 19 January

Wednesday 24 January

Friday 26 January

Monday 5 February

Friday 9 February

Monday 19 February

Tuesday 20 February

Art Club restarts

Choir restarts

Balance bikes for Reception & Year 1

Bikeability for Maple Class

House Colour Day & Bake Sale (more details to follow)

Oak Class Muslim Workshop

Whole school Cricket Engagement Day

Children break up for half term

INSET Day

Children return to school



Staffing News

This term sees a slight change to the teaching staff in Maple Class. From now on, Mrs Montgomery will be working on Mondays and Tuesdays, and Mrs Christy will be working on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.



Parking at pick-up and drop-off times

I am aware that parking near our school can be tricky, but please can I ask that parents and carers are considerate to local residents and businesses when collecting or dropping off their children.

The Wagon very kindly allow staff and school visitors to use their back car park and the field, and have also been kind enough to say that parents and carers may park in the field if necessary. Please could I ask that parents and carers do not abuse this hospitality, or The Wagon may withdraw their kind offer completely. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



School Council House Colour and Bake Sale

School Council would like to hold an event to raise money towards extra reading books in school. They would like to have a "House Colour Day" (their idea!) and a Bake Sale.

On **Friday, 26 January** the children need to come to school wearing at least one item in their house colour, it could be red socks for Ruby House, a blue top if you are in Sapphire House, green hair accessories for Emerald House or anything else that you can think of! The children do not need to wear school uniform on that day. Children do not need to bring £1 to dress up as we are also having a Bake Sale on that day to raise funds for the books, so please bring any donations of cakes to the Office that morning and send your child with 50p to buy themselves a cake at breaktime. There may be the opportunity for parents and carers to buy any leftover cake at hometime.

Finally, thank you to everyone in Maple Class who has already returned the slip about Bikeability, please may we have any remaining slips on Monday morning.

Thank you for your continued support,

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