



# Halam Church of England Primary School

*Life in all its fullness*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the Christmas Holiday, and "Happy New Year". I hope that you all had a lovely break.



## **Terrific Assembly Awards**

Well done this week to:

**Cherry Class:** Polly for working hard in her Phonics.  
Connie for her amazing Maths.

**Maple Class:** Clara for her super understanding when writing a non-chronological report.  
Kara for her wonderful attitude.

**Oak Class:** Edward C because he demonstrates the Five Apple Values every day!  
Paige for always trying her best and having an amazing attitude.

**Head Team Award:** Niamh for inviting people to join her games at playtimes.

**Lunchtime "Good Manners" Awards:** Billy & Sophia

**Best attendance this week:** Oak Class – 99%

**Housepoints:** First – **Ruby** (32)  
Second = **Emerald** & **Sapphire** (24)



## **Carol Service in St Michael the Archangel Church, Halam**

A huge thank you to the children who went along to the Carol Service on 22<sup>nd</sup> December. I have had several people e-mail me to say how well you all sang – I am only sorry that I missed it!



## **Outdoor Classroom – Official Opening**

With this newsletter there is a flyer about the Official Opening of our Outdoor Classroom on Saturday, 18 January at 2pm. We would love parents, carers and children to attend, including past pupils, so please let friends and family know. As there may be photographers at the event, we wondered if the children could please wear their school uniform so they look super smart in any "official" photographs. We are hoping that one of our Head Team will be able to cut the ribbon to formally "open" the building. The School Council and the Head Team have chosen the winner of the name competition today, and we will be revealing the Outdoor Classroom's name on that afternoon!



## **School Times**

School starts at 8.50am, and finishes at 3.25pm in the afternoon. The gate to the playground is opened before school, but please be aware that there are no staff on duty outside until it is time to collect the children at 8.50am. Children are welcome onto the playground to meet their friends and chat before school, but are still under the supervision of their parents at this time. If your child is late for school, please bring them in via the Reception door, thank you.



## Parent Governor Vacancy

We are still looking for a Parent Governor to support the existing governors and me with the running of the school. Governors meet twice a term, and work with the school leaders to monitor the curriculum, decide the priorities for school's development, and support with staffing and safeguarding issues. It is a requirement that two of our Governing Body are parents or carers, and we currently only have one Parent Governor. We will be sending out some paperwork about this next week, but please feel free to talk to me, or contact Mrs Lincoln who can arrange for you to talk to an existing Governor, if you might be interested.

Finally with this newsletter is the flyer about the Outdoor Classroom Official Opening, and some information from the NHS about when you should keep your child off school.

Thank you all for your continued support,

*AE Speed*

Aly Speed  
Executive Headteacher



### Dates for the diary

**Saturday, 18 January**

**Wednesday, 22 January**

**Monday, 3 February**

**Tuesday, 11 February**

**Wednesday, 12 February**

**Friday, 14 February**

Outdoor Classroom official opening – 2pm onwards

PINS Coffee Morning – 9.30am, all welcome

Children's Mental Health Week

Safer Internet Day

PTFA "Film Night" – more details to follow

School closed to pupils for INSET

Break up for the half term holiday