



# Halam Church of England Primary School

*Life in all its fullness*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to the parents and carers of children on Oak Class who have already returned the consent slips for the visit to watch the Hallé Orchestra, please may we have all remaining slips returned to the School Office as soon as possible.



## **Terrific Assembly Awards**

Well done this week to:

**Cherry Class:** Bella for working hard in Maths.

Felix for being kind and helping the other children.

**Maple Class:** Florence for being a kind, helpful and enthusiastic member of the class.

Emelia for her beautiful descriptive writing, setting the scene.

**Oak Class:** Thomas for working hard in Maths.

Archie for enjoying making parachutes in Science - working well with others.

**Head Team Award:** Noah for being an all-round smiley person!

**Lunchtime "Good Manners" Awards:** Finley and Ronald

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

**Housepoints:**  
First – **Sapphire** (30)  
Second – **Emerald** (12)  
Third – **Ruby** (10)



**Certificates from Home:** Alfie & Ben – medals from their rugby tournament



## **Cherry Class Visit to Belvoir Castle**

A reminder that Cherry Class are going on a visit to Belvoir Castle on Monday (12<sup>th</sup> May). On Monday the children in Cherry Class should wear their school uniform with trainers, and bring a packed lunch and their water bottle with them. The weather is forecast to be warm, so please will parents and carers also send their child with a sun hat, and apply suncream before the children come to school, thank you.



## **PINS Survey for Parents and Carers**

A final call for the PINS survey which closes on Monday, 12 May. The survey is open to **all** parents and carers (not just parents and carers who have a child with additional needs). We have not had many responses so far, but would really appreciate you taking part. You can either click on the link below or use the QR code to complete the survey.



- **Survey link:** <https://forms.office.com/e/45292aX18D>
- **QR code:** scan the QR code to access the survey directly.



### **Y6 Parents' Meeting about the Hagg Farm Residential Visit**

On Thursday, 22 May at 3.30pm we are holding a meeting for the parents and carers of children in Y6 about the Residential Visit to Hagg Farm. At the meeting Mrs Francis will talk about the arrangements for the visit, including a suggested kit list, and there will be the chance for parents and carers to ask any questions they may have. The meeting will be held in Oak Class, and will last for about 1/2 hour.



### **Mental Health Awareness Week 12 – 16 May**

As well as being "SATs Week", next week is also "Mental Health Awareness Week". We will be talking to the children to help them to understand what mental health is, and thinking about ways in which they can look after their own mental health. During PE sessions next week Miss Bateman will also be doing yoga sessions with each class.



### **Christian Aid Global Neighbours Scheme**

Along with several other local schools, we are taking part in Christian Aid's Global Neighbours Scheme. The scheme aims to increase pupils' understanding of global issues, and encourages them to become active global citizens. The school has to choose a few pupils to be our "Courageous Advocates", and so we have asked our Head Team to take this role on initially. Initially, the pupils have decided that we will focus on Fair Trade, and they have produced a short information leaflet for you about Fair Trade. You may have also noticed that we have decided to make our next Coffee Morning (on 20<sup>th</sup> May) a "Fair Trade Coffee Morning", so we will be serving Fair Trade Tea and Coffee. There will be more information in next week's newsletter about the Coffee Morning, but we wondered if parents and carers might consider using some Fair Trade ingredients in the cakes that they bring for us to sell?



### **End of SATs Celebration**

The PTFA have very kindly arranged for the ice-cream van to visit school during the morning of Friday, 16 May as an "End of SATs Celebration". The van will be here at about 11am, and the PTFA have agreed to pay for an ice-cream or ice-lolly for all of the children in school!

Finally with this newsletter there is the information from the Head Team about Fair Trade, and a flyer from Active4Today about their Half Term Activities.

Thank you for your continued support,

*AE Speed*

Aly Speed  
Executive Headteacher



### **Dates for the diary**

**Monday, 12 May**

Cherry Class visit to Belvoir Castle  
Y6 SATS week

**Friday, 16 May**

Mental Health Awareness Week

**\*new date**

**Tuesday, 20 May**

Ice-cream van visiting school  
"Fair Trade" Open Coffee morning  
(all parents & carers welcome)

**\*new date**

**Wednesday, 21 May**

"Fair Trade" House Group activities

**Thursday, 22 May**  
**Friday, 23 May**

Y6 Parents' meeting about Hagg Farm – 3.30pm **\*new date**  
*break up for half term*

**Monday, 2 June**  
**Tuesday, 3 June**  
**Wednesday, 4 June**  
**Monday, 9 June**  
**Monday, 30 June**  
**Tuesday, 15 July**  
**Thursday, 17 July**  
**Tuesday, 22 July**

*School closed to pupils for INSET*  
*School re-opens for pupils*  
*Y6 residential visit to Hagg Farm*  
*Class Photos & Leavers' Photos*  
*Transition Day – visits to new classes*  
*Oak Class Summer Performances 2pm & 6pm*  
*2pm Sports Day & PTFA Summer Fair*  
*Leavers' Church Service 9.15am*  
*(whole school involved – all parents and carers welcome to attend)*

**Wednesday, 23 July**  
**Friday, 26 July**

*Reserve Sports Day*  
*Leavers' Assembly 9.15am*  
*Break up for the Summer Holidays*

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