



Halam Church of England Primary School

Life in all its fullness

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have enjoyed sharing and reading stories this week for National Storytelling Week. As well as all of the usual storytimes, the children went into House Groups on Monday afternoon to share books with each other, and in assembly yesterday I read my favourite story of all time – “The Tiger Who came to Tea” by Judith Kerr!



Terrific Assembly Awards

Well done this week to:

Cherry Class: Dolly for **aspiring** to be better at Phonics.
Sidney for **persevering** with his reading.

Maple Class: Eliza for good team work and **partnership** during Science investigations.
Phoenix for love and **enjoyment** in Science lessons (the digestive system!).

Oak Class: Alice for her **love** of learning – Alice is always keen and enthusiastic in lessons.
Jacob for great **partnership** in the tennis taster session.

Head Team Award: Martha for focusing well and getting on with her work.

Lunchtime “Good Manners” Awards: Vesper and George S

Best attendance this week: Cherry Class – 98.3%

Housepoints: First – **Ruby** (72)
Second – **Emerald** (56)
Third – **Sapphire** (52)



Certificates from Home: George S – football award



Changes to School Office System

Along with many other schools in MITRE Trust, we are currently changing our School Office system from “Scholarpack” to “Arbor”. Arbor is a much more comprehensive system, and parents and carers will notice many new and improved features once it is up and running. We just need to warn you that there may be a few “glitches” during this transition period – and so apologies in advance for any inconvenience caused.



PTFA Film Night

A reminder that it is the PTFA film night on Wednesday (11th) – please make sure that any further consent slips are returned to the Office as soon as possible.

Spanish Club and **Art Club** will take place during the afternoon on Wednesday so that everyone may go to the Film Night if they want to without missing their clubs.



Maple Class PE Days

Swimming sessions for Maple Class have now finished for the year, however, the children still need to come to school in their PE kit on Fridays as they will have a PE lesson with Mrs Hammond.



Safer Internet Day – Tuesday, 10 February

On Tuesday, 10 February it is Safer Internet Day. At the moment everyone is talking about “AI”, and with many children and young people hearing about and using AI online, it's important that they have the skills and confidence to make safe choices when they are using smart technology. During the week the children will be learning about ways they can stay safe online, and in assembly they will learn about this year's theme: '**Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI**'.

If you would like any further information or support it can be found online here: [Top Tips for parents and carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)



INSET & Holiday Dates

A reminder that we break up for the half term on Thursday, 12 February as school is closed to pupils on Friday, 13 February for an INSET Day. The children return to school on Monday, 23 February.

Finally, with this newsletter there is a flyer from Southwell Town Council about a Tree Planting Event taking place during February half term, and also a flyer from Next Level Sports about a Padel Club Camp on 19th February in Newark.

Thank you for your continued support,

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Aly Speed
Executive Headteacher



Dates for the diary

Monday, 9 February

Children's Mental Health Week
3.30pm Y6 SATs Meeting

Tuesday, 10 February

Safer Internet Day

Wednesday, 11 February

9.15am Reverend Mary & Jeremy leading Collective Worship
PTFA Film Night at the Village Hall

Friday, 13 February

School closed for INSET
Break up for February Half Term

Monday, 23 February

School re-opens for staff & pupils

Wednesday, 25 February

Maple Class visit to Southwell Work House

Thursday, 26 February

Bag2School collection

Wednesday, 4 March

Maple Class Time Travelling in Southwell Minster

Thursday, 5 March

World Book Day

Tuesday, 10 March

Parents' Evening

Thursday, 12 March

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