



Halam Church of England Primary School

Life in all its fullness

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who has returned the consent forms for the Safety Awareness and Veolia visits, please can we have all the forms in by the end of next week – thank you.

Well done this week to:

Cherry Class: Gregory for **persevering** with his spellings and using his “Fred fingers”!

Maple Class: Isaac for working in **partnership** in RE – creating a storyboard about Jesus healing a leper.

Clara for making lots of positive contributions during Geography lessons (looking at volcanoes).

Oak Class: Ben for **enjoying** his work in the classroom and having a positive attitude.

Klay for **persevering** with reading and grammar – great job, keep it up!

Head Team Award: Sidney for sitting well and behaving in Collective Worship.

Lunchtime “Good Manners” Awards: Aubrey and Alice K

Best attendance this year so far: Cherry Class – 96.5%

Housepoints:
First – **Ruby** (72)
Second – **Emerald** (61)
Third – **Sapphire** (45)



Certificates from Home: Frankie – 2nd place in her gymnastics competition
Emilia – most improved female player at hockey
India – 1st place in her gymnastics competition



Birthdays: Ronald



Art Sessions

We are very lucky that one of our parents, who is an art teacher, is able to run some art sessions on Tuesday afternoons with the children. They will be using the Acorn Classroom (outdoors) and will have a member of our staff team with them too. The dates of the sessions are as follows:

Tuesday, 5 May – Little Cherries (FS pupils)

Tuesday, 12 May – Y1 & Y2

Tuesday, 19 May – Maple Class

Tuesday, 2 June – Oak Class

Tuesday, 9 June – Oak Class



Warm Weather

As the weather is getting warmer and sunnier, please will parents and carers make sure that their children have a water bottle in school every day. It would also be useful if the children could bring a sun hat to school to wear at playtimes, (also clearly labelled with their name!)

Children should come to school with suncream already applied, but parents and carers may also send their child to school with a **named** bottle of suncream so that we can supervise the children reapplying their suncream before the longer lunchtime play.



Sandals in School

In this warm weather, many children are choosing to wear sandals to school. This is absolutely fine, but please can parents and carers make sure that their children still wear socks with their sandals, thank you.



Concentrators (Fidget Toys)

We have received a safety warning in school about some of the concentrators (fidget toys) and similar products currently on the market. For this reason we have decided to ask that children do not bring their own concentrators to school, but choose from the (wide!) selection we already have available. Thank you for your support with this.



“Meet the Organs” at Southwell Minster

On Monday, 4 May (Bank Holiday) at 2pm in Southwell Minster there is a “meet the organs” event! The Minster organists will be helping visitors to explore the pipes and pedals of the cathedral’s organs through an interactive, family-friendly experience. There will also be a family-friendly organ concert at 3.30pm. Both events are free, and each one lasts less than an hour. For more information click on the link: [Meet the Organs](#)



Bank Holiday – Monday, 4 May

A reminder that school is closed to pupils on Monday (4th May) for the May Day Bank Holiday. We are open again as usual from Tuesday, 5 May.

Finally, with this newsletter there is a flyer for a Parent Talk meeting about smartphones at Bleasby School.

Thank you for your continued support,

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Aly Speed
Executive Headteacher



Dates for the diary

Monday, 4 May	School closed for the May Day Bank Holiday	
Tuesday, 5 May	Little Cherries outdoor art session	*new date
Wednesday, 6 May	Pupil Worship Leaders' Conference	
Monday, 11 May	Y6 SATs week	
Tuesday, 12 May	Y1 & Y2 outdoor art session	*new date
Thursday, 14 May	2.15pm “Big School Workout”	
Friday, 15 May	PTFA “Colour Run”	
Tuesday, 19 May	Oak Class visit to Veolia Waste Maple Class outdoor art session	*new date

Friday, 22 May	Reserve date for PTFA "Colour Run" <i>Break up for half term</i>	
Monday, 1 June	School closed to pupils for INSET	
Tuesday, 2 June	Pupils return for the second half of term Oak Class outdoor art session	<i>*new date</i>
Wednesday, 3 June	Oak Class residential visit to Hagg Farm	
Friday, 5 June	Oak Class return from Hagg Farm	
Monday, 8 June	Class Photos	
Tuesday, 9 June	Bag2 School collection Oak Class outdoor art session	<i>*new date</i>
Friday, 12 June	Oak Class Safety Awareness visit at Sconce & Devon Park	
Monday, 15 June	Minster School staff to meet Y6	
Thursday, 18 June	Minster School transition evening for pupils with SEND	
Friday, 19 June	Cherry Class visit to Southwell Minster – "Time Travelling"	
Wednesday, 24 June	Y6 transition visit to the Minster School	
Thursday, 25 June	Whole School visit to The Yorkshire Wildlife Park	
Monday, 29 June	Transition Day	
Tuesday, 14 July	2pm & 6pm School Performances	
Wednesday, 15 July	2pm – 4pm Open Afternoon for prospective parents & carers	
Thursday, 16 July	Sports Day & PTFA Summer Fair	
Tuesday, 21 July	9.15am Leavers' Service in Halam Church	
Thursday, 23 July	Reserve date for Sports Day	
Friday, 24 July	9.15 Leavers' Assembly <i>Break up for Summer Holiday</i>	
