



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 already returned their completed data collection sheets. If you have not yet returned the form, please could it be brought to the School Office on Monday morning, thank you.



Terrific Assembly Awards

Well done this week to:

Cherry Class: George for **aspiring** to be a super Year 1 writer.

Blossom for **persevering** even when coming in to school can feel tricky!

Maple Class: Lily for her **enjoyment** of RE lessons.

Penny for her **love** of clay work – making a model of Stonehenge.

Oak Class: Connie for **aspiring** to do her best in all lessons – excellent participation!

Devon for **aspiring** to do his best in maths – improving his arithmetic skills.

Head Team Award: Polly for sitting so nicely in collective worship.

Lunchtime “Good Manners” Awards: Table 4 (Flo, Connie, Florence, Alice C & Devon)



Certificates from Home: Millie – taking part in the “Read to the Beat” reading challenge

Housepoints:

First – **Emerald** (76)

Second – **Ruby** (65)

Third – **Sapphire** (61)



Fair Trade Coffee Morning & Global Neighbours Project

On Tuesday, 22 September, parents and carers are invited into the school for a “Fair Trade Coffee Morning”. Parents and carers can come into the hall after drop-off and have a cup of tea or coffee and a cake, and then go into the classrooms to join the children and look at what they have been doing.

Our school is taking part in the Christian Aid Global Neighbours Project, and as part of that we are raising awareness of the importance of Fair Trade and of sustainability. We would appreciate donations of cake to sell at the Coffee Morning, and our Global Neighbours Ambassadors have asked that if possible parents and carers send Fair Trade cakes, or try to use some Fair Trade ingredients in any cakes that they make. All the money raised from selling the cakes will go to Christian Aid, and any cakes left over from the coffee morning will be sold on the playground at the end of the day.

As part of our sustainability work the Ambassadors will also be holding a pre-loved uniform sale in the hall on that morning.



Choir Performance at Southwell Late Night Shopping Event - Thursday, 26 November

“Save the date!” – the children in the School Choir have once again been invited to perform at Southwell's Late Night Shopping Event on Thursday, 26 November. More details, including the

timing and exact location for the performance, will be shared as soon as I have that information from Southwell Town Council.

Finally, with this newsletter there is a poster from the PTFA about their Autumn Ball, and also a flyer from the Waggon about their Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday, 25 September – please be aware that The Waggon is also open every Wednesday morning from 8.30am for tea and coffee (which might be nice after the busyness of school drop-off!).

Thank you for your continued support,

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Aly Speed
Executive Headteacher



Dates for the diary

Tuesday, 22 September	9.15am Coffee Morning for parents and carers
Tuesday, 29 September	9.15am Harvest Festival in Halam Church NCMP height & weight checks for F2 and Y6 School Photographs
Wednesday, 30 September	3.30 – 5pm Open Evening for parents & carers of children starting school in September 2027
Wednesday, 7 October	Parents' Evening (more details to follow)
Monday, 14 October	Parents' Evening (more details to follow)
Wednesday, 14 October	<i>Break up for half term</i>
Friday, 17 October	
Monday, 2 November	School closed to pupils for INSET DAY
Tuesday, 3 November	School re-opens for pupils for the second half of term
Friday, 6 November	Oak Class visiting The National Holocaust Centre PTFA "Autumn Ball" <i>*please see attached poster</i>
Friday, 13 November	Children in Need Day
Monday, 16 November	Anti-Bullying Week – Odd Socks Day Road Safety Week
Monday, 23 November	NHS flu immunisations
Wednesday, 25 November	2pm – 4pm Open Evening for parents & carers of children starting school in September 2027
Thursday, 26 November	Choir singing at "Late Night Shopping" <i>*new date</i>
Friday, 27 November	PTFA Non-Uniform Day for hamper prizes
Tuesday, 1 December	Christmas Craft Day (Christmas jumpers may be worn!)
Wednesday, 9 December	2pm & 6pm Christmas Performances
Friday, 11 December	PTFA "Winter Fair"
Monday, 14 December	2.30pm Carols & Mince Pies
Tuesday, 15 December	9.15am School Christmas Service in Halam Church 12.30pm whole school visit to the pantomime
Thursday, 17 December	Party Day!
Friday, 18 December	<i>Break up for the Christmas Holidays</i>
Monday, 4 January 2027	School re-opens for the Spring Term