Halam Church of England Primary School

Life in all its fullness

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe it is half term already! It has been such a lovely start to the year; welcoming our new pupils, the Coffee Morning, Harvest Festival, entering the scarecrow and pumpkin competitions, the Open Evening, school photos, Parents' Evenings and so much more! I am really looking forward to all of the events planned for next half term, and as always there is a list of dates at the end of this newsletter.

Terrific Assembly Awards

Well done this week to:

Cherry Class: Dolly for **enjoying** writing and really putting her best foot forwards to focus and improve!
Chloe for **loving** her learning and really trying her best this week.

Maple Class: Bella for presenting all of her work neatly and beautifully.
George S for excellent knowledge about conductors and insulators, and super work making an electrical circuit.

Oak Class: Kara for always **aspiring** to do her best in everything she does.
Florence H for **enjoying** all subjects and lessons and working hard.

Head Team Award: Megan for working hard in Maths.

Lunchtime "Good Manners" Awards: Table 3 (Lily M, Izzy, Ronnie, Pieta, Sinah & Zeta)

Housepoints: First – **Emerald** (85)
Second – **Sapphire** (77)
Third – **Ruby** (71)

Half Term Totals: First – **Emerald** (422)
Second – **Sapphire** (382)
Third – **Ruby** (373)

Newark Advertiser "First Class Photo"

The Newark Advertiser were in school earlier this term, to take photographs of the Little Cherries (our Reception children) for their "First Class Picture Special". The photographs will be in next week's paper (Thursday, 22 October).

Bag2School Collection

Our next Bag2School collection will be on Wednesday, 4 November.
Please leave any items for collection in bags outside the school office before 9am, (or just inside the door if it is raining).
Bag2School are able to accept donations of: clothes, paired shoes, bags & handbags, hats, scarves & ties, bras, jewellery, socks, belts, and soft toys.
There is a full list of items that they collect on the website:
https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect
If you are unable to get the items to school on the day, please give them to Rebecca Bower or Gemma Bust before Wednesday, 4 November. Many thanks for your support.

Remembrance Service – Sunday, 8 November

On the morning of Sunday, 8 November there will be a Remembrance Service in Halam Church at 10.45am. We have once again been asked if some of the children would like to join me in attending the service, and laying a wreath to remember the servicement of Halam Parish. I would therefore like to invite children in Oak Class to join me on that morning and help me lay the wreath. If your child would like to be part of the service, please let me know by e-mailing me on head@halamprimary.org.uk

AI in MITRE schools

As you will be aware, AI in education is very much in the news at the moment. MITRE Trust have produced a guide for parents and carers on the use of AI in our schools. Please click on the link below to watch the guide:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3SlCq7a7EO0

Oak Class Visit to the Holocaust Centre

On Friday, 6 November Oak Class are visiting the National Holocaust Centre. On that day, the children will need to wear their school uniform (with a coat), and bring a small backpack containing their water bottle and lunch, thank you.

Holiday Dates

A reminder that we break up for the half term holiday today! School is closed for two weeks, and the staff and children return on Tuesday, 3 November (after the INSET Day)– we hope you all have a lovely break!

Finally, with this newsletter there is a flyer from Canoville Football about their half term camps, and an advert for the pre-loved Christmas Jumper stall we are hosting at Southwell's late night shopping event.

Thank you for your continued support,

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Aly Speed
Executive Headteacher

Dates for the diary

Friday, 17 October	*Break up for half term*
Monday, 2 November	School closed to pupils for INSET DAY
Tuesday, 3 November	School re-opens for pupils for the second half of term
Wednesday, 4 November	Bag2School collection
Friday, 6 November	Oak Class visit to the National Holocaust Centre
	PTFA "Autumn Ball"
Friday, 13 November	Children in Need Day
	Moss to Canopy Forest School sessions for all classes ***new date**
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" in Southwell
Friday, 27 December	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	*Break up for the Christmas Holidays*
Monday, 4 January 2027	School re-opens for the Spring Term