Halam Church of England Primary School

Life in all its fullness

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Friday, 6 November

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the half term holiday, I hope you all had a lovely break.
We have just finished the Autumn Ball – which was a huge success! Thank you to the PTFA for organising and running such a lovely event, the children had a fabulous time.



Lunchtime Good Manners Award

This week's Good Manners Award goes to Table 7, so well done to: Jacob, Ben, Noah C-A, Arlow, Ethan, Aubrey and Phoenix!



Bag2School Collection

Our Bag2School collection has been rearranged for **Tuesday, 10 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 Tuesday. Many thanks for your support.



Parking at Pick-up and Drop-off

Please could I remind parents and carers to park considerately at pick-up and drop-off times. We have received another complaint from the Parish Council about parking too close to the junction of Radley Road and The Turnpike. According to the Highway Code, ***you must not park opposite or within 10m (32ft) of a junction***, so if there is not enough room at the roadside please use the car park at The Waggon, thank you.



Pantomime Visit

On Tuesday, 15 December, the whole school are going to the pantomime at Newark Theatre. The letter about this visit was sent out earlier this week, please can we have all slips returned to the School Office as soon as possible, thank you.



Punctuality

Although we do understand that mornings can be very busy, it is important that the children arrive at school on time. School starts at **8.50am**, and the children should be in the playground ready to be collected by the teachers at this time. The school gate will be locked just after 8.50am, and any pupil arriving after this time will need to come in through Reception. Children who do arrive after 8.50am will be marked as "late" in the school registers. Thank you in advance for your support with this issue.

Forest School Sessions – Friday, 13 November

We are very excited that the children will all be taking part in a Forest School session next Friday (13th November). The PTFA have very kindly funded these workshops for every child, and we are extremely grateful for their support.
With this newsletter is some information from Moss to Canopy (the Forest school provider) about Forest Schools, and also about what the children should wear and bring.



Children in Need – Friday, 13 November

On Friday, 13 November it is also "Children in Need Day"! As we will already be in our "Forest School" clothing, this year we are going to tell each other jokes – so please send your child to school with a joke (or even a joke book) to tell to their friends, the sillier the better! (I can't wait to hear them!)
If anyone wants to donate to Children in Need then please send the money in to the School Office, thank you.

Finally, with this newsletter there is the flyer from Moss to Canopy about our Forest School sessions, and the Autumn Newsletter from the Healthy Family Team.

Thank you for your continued support,

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Aly Speed
Executive Headteacher



Dates for the diary

Tuesday, 10 November	Bags2School collection ***amended date**
Friday, 13 November	Children in Need Day
	Moss to Canopy Forest School sessions for all classes
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	**5.50pm** 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