



# Halam Church of England Primary School

*Life in all its fullness*

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Friday, 27 January

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reverend Mary and Jeremy from St Michael the Archangel's Church came into school this week to lead collective worship, and they will be coming in each month from now on.



## **Terrific Assembly Awards**

Well done this week to:

**Cherry Class:** Jonny for having a super attitude towards all his work.

Bella for doing some lovely writing about penguins.

**Maple Class:** Tilly for her wonderful work in music, identifying the pulse.

Holly for careful cutting when making her mediterranean salad.

**Oak Class:** Jack for doing really well in English, specifically in Grammar.

Sylvie for putting her hand up a lot in class.

**Head Team Award:** Isaac for playing really nicely at playtime.

**Lunchtime "Good Manners" Awards:** Paige and Lily

**Best attendance last week:** Cherry Class (98%)

**Certificates from home:** Florence – high merit in her ballet exam

We are very proud of you all!



**Happy birthday this week to:** Alexa M



## **Dates for the diary**

**Thursday, 2 February:**

Heather & Joan (from the Diocese) to lead collective worship

**Friday, 3 February:**

PTFA Film Night 3.30pm to 5.30pm

Last swimming session of the year

**Tuesday, 7 February:**

Open/Coffee Morning

Parents' Evening

**Thursday, 9 February:**

Parents' Evening

**Friday, 10 February:**

School closed to pupils for INSET Day

Break up for half term

**Monday, 20 February:**

School re-opens for staff and pupils

**Tuesday, 21 February:**

Reverend Mary & Jeremy to lead collective worship

Y6 Boosters starting (letter next week)

**Tuesday, 28 February:**

Bags 2 School collection (more details to follow)

**Monday, 6 March:**

Maple Class Time Travel visit at Southwell Minster (letter next week)

**Wednesday, 22 March:**

Oak Class visit to Perlethorpe (letter next week)

**Wednesday, 29 March:**

Teddy Bear Hospital visiting Cherry Class

**Friday, 31 March:**

Break up for Easter

### **Possible Industrial Action by Teaching Union**

You will be aware from the media and my previous e-mails that one of the teaching unions, the NEU, are planning to take industrial action over the next few weeks. The first day of industrial action is on Wednesday, 1 February. Our school will be open as usual on that day, so please send your child as normal.



### **Staffing Changes**

As you may be aware, Mrs Fraser is back in school doing Mrs Francis's leadership cover. We are very grateful for her support.

Ms Wilmot will be leaving us at the end of half term, to take up a post in another school. Although we will miss her hugely, we all wish her well in her new role.

This does mean that we will have a vacancy for another Mid-day Supervisor, the role will be advertised very soon, if you are interested please call in to the School Office for more details.



### **Water Bottles**

Although it is lovely to see all of the different water bottles that the children bring to school, we have unfortunately had a few breakages recently. If your child does not choose to bring a school water bottle, please make sure that it is one which is suitable for school use.



### **Reading Helpers Please!**

The teachers would be very grateful for some help in the mornings with reading. We are looking for volunteers to come in to class just for half an hour first thing in the morning, to do some reading practise with some of the children. Please see your child's teacher if you are able to help.



### **Books please!**

Please may we have donations of good quality second-hand story books and non-fiction books for our library and classrooms. The children really enjoy reading and story times, but sadly some of our books are looking a little "loved"!

Thank you for your support,

*AE Speed*

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