



# Halam Church of England Primary School

*Life in all its fullness*

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Friday, 24 February

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the half term holiday, I hope that you all had an enjoyable break.



## **Terrific Assembly Awards**

Well done this week to:

**Cherry Class:** Frankie for drawing a wonderful representation of God in R.E.  
Rose for doing super art based on Kandinsky's work.

**Maple Class:** Thomas for persevering in PE.  
Mia for doing lovely art work, expressing good tones and shades.

**Oak Class:** Thomas for demonstrating our Halam values at all times, and being a super role model.

Henry for improved focus and concentration.

Scarlett for improved maths, and working at home.

**Head Team Award:** Chloe for tidying up the classroom.

**Lunchtime "Good Manners" Awards:** India H and Holly

**Best attendance last week:** Oak Class (95%)

We are very proud of you all!



## **Dates for the diary**

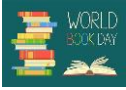
<b>Tuesday, 28 February:</b>	Bags 2 School collection
<b>Thursday, 23 February:</b>	Bookfair arrives
<b>Monday, 27 February:</b>	"Take One Picture" week (more details below)
<b>Thursday, 2 March:</b>	World Book Day
<b>Friday, 3 March:</b>	Dance workshops for all classes (more details below)
<b>Monday, 6 March:</b>	Maple Class Time Travel visit at Southwell Minster
<b>Tuesday, 7 March:</b>	Take One Picture Assembly for parents and carers – 9.15am
<b>Tuesday, 14 March:</b>	Drumming workshops for all classes
<b>Wednesday, 15 March:</b>	Reverend Mary & Jeremy to lead collective worship
<b>Wednesday, 22 March:</b>	Oak Class visit to Perlethorpe
<b>Wednesday, 29 March:</b>	Teddy Bear Hospital visiting Cherry Class
<b>Friday, 31 March:</b>	Break up for Easter



## **Take One Picture**

This year we are taking part in the "Take One Picture" project, and are basing our work on the painting, "Mr and Mrs Andrews" by Thomas Gainsborough. We are doing lots of work about the picture, and the period of time it was painted in, and are all looking forward to our walk to Norwood Park on Wednesday morning.

On Tuesday, 7 March we would like you all to come to a "sharing assembly" at 9.15am in the hall, where we will celebrate the work that the children have done during the project.



## World Book Day

It is World Book Day on Thursday, 2 March. On that day we would love the children to come to school dressed up as a character from a book, (the staff will be dressing up too!). As it is P.E. on Thursday please can the children also bring their trainers as they will still have a P.E. lesson that day.



## No Energy Drinks Please!

Please can we ask that the children do not bring energy drinks to school, or use energy drink bottles as their water bottles, thank you.



## Dance Workshops – Friday, 3 March

On Friday, 3 March we have a company visiting school doing dance workshops with all three classes, so please can the children wear their PE kit to school on that day, ready to dance!



## "Drop-in" meeting with the School Governors

The School Governors are holding some drop in sessions for parents and carers, to give you the opportunity to meet the Governors and chat about our school. The sessions will be in Halam Village Hall on Wednesday, 15 March. The first session is from 2.30pm to 3.25pm, and the second session is from 5.30pm to 7pm. Anyone is welcome, so please do pop along to say "hello" and share your views.



## Dogs by the gate

It is lovely to see everyone's dogs at hometime, (I am a dog owner myself). Sometimes it can feel a little intimidating for those children who are nervous around dogs though, especially if the dogs are too close to the gate. Could I therefore ask if possible, please could those of you who bring their dogs at hometime stand a little distance away from the gate at pick up and drop off times, thank you.

Finally, you may be aware that the NEU Teaching Union has declared a second day of strike action, which will take place on Wednesday, 1 March. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay and conditions, and not because of any issues at our school. We do not anticipate any disruption at our school and so Halam School will be open as normal for all children next Wednesday 1st March.

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