



# Halam Church of England Primary School

*Life in all its fullness*

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Friday, 24 November

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who brought in donations for the Bag2School collection, we raised £120 for the PTFA. Also thanks to you all for your support of the Pumpkin Ball – the children had a super time, (and so did I!).



## **Terrific Assembly Awards**

Well done this week to:

**Cherry Class:** Isaac for his lovely, positive attitude in sports.

Emelia for her super work in maths.

Charlotte for great singing during the practises for the Christmas Play.

**Maple Class:** Florence for writing a great description of the Pied Piper.

Ronald for always caring and sharing in groups (great partnership!)

**Oak Class:** Oliver for making excellent contributions when discussing Christian beliefs.

Jasmine & Annabella for showing good partnership in class by being helpful and creating a book to record who has been in "Terrific Assembly".

**Head Team Award:** Jonny for being a great playground friend.

**Lunchtime "Good Manners" Awards:** Cal and Martha

**Best attendance last week:** Oak with 94%

## **Housepoints:**

First – **Emerald** (67 points)

Second – **Sapphire** (56 points)

Third – **Ruby** (50 points)



## **Dates for the diary:**

**Monday, 27 November**

last Art Club

**Tuesday, 28 November**

10am Professor Copeland visiting Oak Class

**Thursday, 30 November**

Sue from Riverside Church to do assembly

**Monday, 4 December**

Beaumont House Assembly

Christmas Performances – 2pm & 6pm

**Tuesday, 5 December**

Christmas Craft & Christmas Jumper Day

**Monday, 11 December**

PTFA Christmas Fair

**Wednesday, 13 December**

2pm Carols & Mince Pies (Grandparents welcome!)

**Thursday, 14 December**

Christmas lunch

Last Sports Club (KS1)

**Tuesday, 19 December**

Christmas Church Service – 9.15am in Halam Church

**Wednesday, 20 December**

Pantomime – "Snow White"

**Thursday, 21 December**

Party Day

**Friday, 22 December**

Christmassy Film & Sing Song

Break up for the Christmas Holidays



### Visit by Professor Copeland

Professor Copeland is coming back at 10am on Tuesday morning (28<sup>th</sup> November) to see if we have more success with logging in to the Faulkes Telescope. Parents and Carers of children in Oak Class are welcome to join us, if we have no success on Tuesday we will try for one last time on Wednesday, 29 November.



### Christmas Card Competition

I would like to invite all of the pupils to enter a competition to design a Christmas Card to be sent as the 'official' school card to our Governors, visitors and other people who have connections with our school. The design needs to be A5 in size (half of A4 paper), on white paper. Designs will photocopy best if they are drawn with felt tips, designs can be coloured in but please don't add glitter or stick anything onto them. Please write the child's name and class on the back in pencil (writing in pen or felt tip can show through onto the front of the design). **All designs must be the child's own work**, one entry per child please. Please can all designs be handed in by Friday, 1 December.



### School X (Twitter) Account

The school are looking into new ideas for social media communications (hopefully we will have exciting news soon) – but in the meantime please note that our X (Twitter) account has been deactivated.



### Staffing News

Mrs Montgomery is recovering well after her operation, but is still not quite well enough to return to work. Cover for Maple Class will continue with Mrs Christy, Mrs Fraser and Mrs McCracken. We are also very lucky to have a new member of our supply team, Mrs Wilson, who will be doing some work in Cherry Class over the next few weeks alongside Mrs Hammond and Mrs Sissons.



### Costumes for the Christmas Play

The children in Cherry Class have been told what costumes they need for the Christmas Play, if you are not sure what your child needs please check with Mrs Hammond. Children in Oak and Maple Classes may wear any "nativity" style costume they would like to, for example shepherd, king, angel or sheep. Please do not feel the need to buy an expensive costume, a stripy tunic with a tea-towel head-dress makes a wonderful shepherd costume! If you have any questions then please ask your child's teacher.

Finally, with this newsletter is a flyer from "Notts Help Yourself" a very good information service for parents and carers.

Thank you for your continued support,

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