



Halam Church of England Primary School

Life in all its fullness

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Friday, 6 December

Dear Parents and Carers,



Terrific Assembly Awards

Well done this week to:

Cherry Class: Bella for working hard in her spellings
Gregory for super scissor skills on Christmas Craft Day.

Maple Class: Oscar for his brilliant work in Maths on times tables.
Ben for being a kind and caring friend.

Oak Class: Dora for being so creative with her DT project.
Aston for excellent focus in arithmetic.

Head Team Award: Polly for her amazing singing in "The Nativity".

Lunchtime "Good Manners" Awards: Bobby & Franki

Best attendance this week: Maple Class – 98%

Housepoints: First – **Sapphire** (36)
Second – **Emerald** (24)
Third – **Ruby** (18)



Birthdays: Tilly



Certificates from Home: Franki – Level 7 in gymnastics on the vault
Bobby for playing football for Nottingham Forest



Outdoor Classroom – Name Competition!

The PTFA's competition to name the Outdoor Classroom is still open, we have had some super ideas! Please send any more suggestions for the name of the outdoor classroom to the School Office, and then School Council and I will choose the winner. The name will be revealed on 18th January at the Opening Ceremony.



PTFA Winter Fair

The Winter Fair is from 3.30pm to 5pm on Friday, 13 December, and the PTFA would appreciate donations of cakes. Any cakes can be brought to the School Office on the day of the fair.



Choir News

Due to the PTFA Winter Fair, there will be **no Choir practise on Friday, 13 December.**
On **Friday, 20 December** the Choir would like to invite their parents and carers to our last Choir practise of the year to hear all of our Christmas songs again! If you are able to attend, please come to the Main Entrance at **3.45pm** to hear us sing.



Carol Service in St Michael the Archangel Church, Halam

On Sunday, 22 December there is a Carol Service in Halam Church at 6pm, and Reverend Mary would be delighted to see any of our families there. Unfortunately, I have a family commitment

that day so am unable to attend, but I have taught the children the two carols, "Away in a Manger" and "Silent Night" as they will be part of the service. If you are going to attend the service and your child would like to sing the two carols, please would you e-mail our Chair of Governors, Mrs Briony Dickinson on briony.dickinson@halamprimary.org.uk

Form for Leave of Absence During Term Time

In August new regulations came into place for Pupil Attendance, the school's policy can be seen on our website www.halamprimary.org.uk

The regulations make it very clear that absence during term time will only be granted in exceptional circumstances, and that unauthorised absences of ten sessions or more in a rolling period of ten school weeks may lead to a penalty notice (fine) being issued.

Please note that the **threshold for penalty notices is ten sessions**, (not "more than ten sessions"), which means that if your child misses ten sessions (five days) of school then a penalty notice will be issued.

If you do need to take your child out of school during term time please complete the Holiday Request Form which is available on our school website under "School Office" in "Useful Forms & School Meals".



New Member of Staff

We are delighted that we have managed to appoint a TA to work in Oak and Maple Classes alongside the teachers. Our new TA is called Miss Wilmot, some of you may remember her as she used to work here a couple of years ago, (we're very pleased that she is back at Halam!).



Pantomime Visit on Monday

Please make sure that the children arrive in school promptly on Monday morning, ready for our visit to the pantomime. We will be back in school in time for a slightly late lunch, and the usual arrangements will apply (there is no need to send a packed lunch unless your child usually has one).

Finally with this newsletter is a flyer about our next PINS "Coffee & Chat" meetings.

Thank you all for your continued support,

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Aly Speed
Executive Headteacher



Dates for the diary

Monday, 9 December

Tuesday, 10 December

Wednesday, 11 December

Friday, 13 December

Tuesday, 17 December

Wednesday, 18 December

Thursday, 19 December

Friday, 20 December

Sunday, 22 December

Monday, 6 January

Saturday, 18 January

Whole school visit to the pantomime in Newark ("Aladdin")
National Child Measurement Programme – height and weight checks for F2 & Y6 pupils

Carols & Mince Pies – 2pm

PTFA Winter Fair – 3.30pm – 5pm

Christmas Service in St Michael the Archangel's Church– 9.15am

Children's Christmas Lunch

Christmas Party Day in school

Break up for the Christmas Holidays

Carol Service at Halam Church – 6pm, all welcome ***new date**

School re-opens for the Spring Term 2025

Outdoor Classroom official opening – 2pm