



Halam Church of England Primary School

Life in all its fullness

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who has already returned the Parent Carer Questionnaires we sent out last week. Please may we have all questionnaires returned by the end of next week so that we can start to analyse the responses.



Terrific Assembly Awards

Well done this week to:

Cherry Class: Lola for having a positive attitude towards her work.
Lily for working hard on her descriptive writing.

Maple Class: Bobby for his amazing focus and great effort with his work.
Alice for her brilliant persuasive speech.

Oak Class: Amelia for being selfless and showing partnership.
India for aspiring to do well in all her subjects.

Head Team Award: Sophia for demonstrating our five school values, and participating in assembly.

Lunchtime "Good Manners" Awards: Eliza & Vesper

Best attendance this week: Cherry Class – 99.5%

Housepoints: First – **Sapphire** (42)
Second – **Emerald** (16)
Third – **Ruby** (14)



Birthdays: Amelia & William



School Instagram Page

The school now has an instagram page, which we will be using to celebrate what we have been doing in school. If you wish to follow us, our "handle" is [halam_primary](https://www.instagram.com/halam_primary) or you can follow the link on the school website.



Bag2School Collection

Our next Bag2school collection is on Tuesday, 4 March. Bag2School collect clothing, bags, shoes (tied together), towels, jewellery or soft toys that you no longer require. You can see a full list of items that they collect on the website: <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

Please leave any items for collection in bags outside the school office before 9am on Tuesday, 4 March, (or just inside the door if it is raining). The collection is weighed in and then the money is sent to the PTFA. If you are unable to get the items to school on that day then please give them to Rebecca Bower or Gemma Bust by Monday, 3 March, thank you.



Children's Mental Health Week

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week, and to help raise awareness on Wednesday afternoon the children will be working in their house groups on a "green ribbon" activity.



PINS Coffee Mornings for Parents and Carers

As you will be aware, this year we are working with the PINS group, hosting Coffee Mornings for parents and carers, and gaining feedback on how we can further improve our school offer for children who are neurodiverse. As part of this the PINS Team have given us two surveys, one for staff, and one for parents and carers. These surveys are important to create a full picture of our school's sensory needs and will help the team make recommendations to suit our community. If you have time, we would be really grateful if you could click on the link below and carry out the quick survey. This is for all parents and carers and shouldn't take very long to complete. Thank you in advance for your support.

- [Occupational Therapy Sensory Audit Survey for Parents](#)

Finally, with this newsletter there is a flyer about a Forest School session being run at Kirklington Primary School in the half term holiday.

Thank you for your continued support,

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Executive Headteacher



Dates for the diary

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| Monday, 3 February | Children's Mental Health Week | |
| Wednesday, 5 February | House Group Activity – green ribbon | *new date |
| Monday, 10 February | Y6 Parents' Meeting about SATs – 3.30pm | *new date |
| Tuesday, 11 February | Safer Internet Day | |
| Wednesday, 12 February | PTFA "Film Night" – more details to follow | |
| Friday, 14 February | School closed to pupils for INSET Break up for the half term holiday | |
| Monday, 24 February | School reopens for staff and pupils | |
| Tuesday, 25 February | Coffee Morning for parents & carers – 9am to 10.30 | *new date |
| Tuesday, 4 March | Parents' Evening | |
| Thursday, 6 March | Parents' Evening | |
| Wednesday, 12 March | PINS Coffee Morning – 9.30am | |