



# Halam Church of England Primary School

*Life in all its fullness*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week has flown by! The Spaghetti Maths assembly was enjoyed by the children, if your child wants to join the club the details are on the flyers sent out earlier this week. The tennis tasters from Caunton Tennis Club were very popular too – don't forget we have the second session next Tuesday.



## **Terrific Assembly Awards**

Well done this week to:

**Cherry Class:** Madison for growing in confidence with her independent writing, and **enjoying** it!

Harrison for **persevering** and focussing on his work.

**Maple Class:** Bobby for making valuable contributions in PSHE discussions.

Angelo for demonstrating **perseverance** in tennis lessons.

**Oak Class:** Kara for working really hard in maths, and **enjoying** her great results!

Noah for **enjoying** the tennis taster session and showing us his skills.

**Head Team Award:** Polly for always having a smile on her face, and looking after everyone.

**Lunchtime “Good Manners” Awards:** Kara and Thea

**Best attendance this week:** Cherry Class – 96%

**Housepoints:** First – **Ruby** (54)  
Second – **Sapphire** (48)  
Third – **Emerald** (41)



**Certificates from Home:** India & Franki – gymnastics competition



**Birthdays:** George S



## **Tennis Taster Session – Wednesday, 4 February**

A reminder that our second tennis taster session with Caunton Tennis Club is on Wednesday, 4 February. Please will parents and carers make sure that the children come to school in their PE kit on Wednesday, thank you.



## **Forms from School**

Apologies, there have been quite a few forms sent out this week:

- DAaRT t-shirts (Oak Class)
- After School Activities (all classes)
- Southwell Workhouse & Southwell Minster visits (Maple Class)
- PTFA Film Night (all classes)

If you have missed any of these forms please call into the School Office for a copy, thank you.



## Cover in Cherry Class

Unfortunately Mrs Lo Bue will not be returning to work just yet. Cherry Class will continue to be taught by Mrs Rees and Mrs Fraser, and of course Miss Wilmot – we are grateful for their support.



## National Storytelling Week

Next week is "National Storytelling Week" and to start the week off we will be going into House Groups on Monday afternoon to share stories and books with each other.



## Cherry Class – Food Technology

As part of their Design and Technology learning next week, the children in Cherry Class will be designing and making a healthy sandwich. In their DT lessons they have already:

- Discussed what makes a sandwich healthy
- Designed their own sandwich ideas
- Talked about basic food hygiene and safety, including handwashing and using equipment safely

Next week the children will make their sandwich in school and then taste what they have made. Please let us know as soon as possible if your child has any food allergies or dietary requirements that we should be aware of. All food preparation will be carefully supervised, and health and safety procedures will be followed.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the Cherry Class team.

Finally, with this newsletter there is a flyer from Moss to Canopy about a Forest School session at Kirklington School, a flyer about "Rebel Rangers" a fun family challenge running in February, March and April, and some information from the NHS about a Speech and Language drop-in happening in Newark.

Thank you for your continued support,

*AE Speed*

Aly Speed  
Executive Headteacher



## Dates for the diary

**Monday, 2 February**

National Story telling Week

*\*new date*

3.30pm SATs meeting for Y6 parents & carers

*\*new date*

**Wednesday, 4 February**

Tennis tasters with Caunton Tennis Club

**Monday, 9 February**

Children's Mental Health Week

**Tuesday, 10 February**

Safer Internet Day

**Wednesday, 11 February**

9.15am Reverend Mary & Jeremy leading Collective Worship

PTFA Film Night at the Village Hall

**Friday, 13 February**

School closed for INSET

*Break up for February Half Term*

**Monday, 23 February**

School re-opens for staff & pupils

**Wednesday, 25 February**

Maple Class visit to Southwell Work House

**Thursday, 26 February**

Bag2School collection

**Wednesday, 4 March**

Maple Class Time Travelling in Southwell Minster

**Thursday, 5 March**

World Book Day

**Tuesday, 10 March**

Parents' Evening

*\*new date*

**Thursday, 12 March**

Parents' Evening

*\*new date*