



# HALLAM FIELDS JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Punctuality

Can we please remind you that the start times for years 3 and 5 is 8.45am, and years 4 and 6 is 9.00am. Children after this will be marked as late. We are seeing some children who are 5 or 10 minutes late daily which is often not their fault for being late, but often parents running late. Children having to walk in to class is often really embarrassing for them and can make them anxious. They also miss the beginning of lessons and are not always clear what they need to do then with their work as they have missed the input.

Although it may seem like it is only a few minutes, being 5 minutes late a day adds up to 15 hours and 50 minutes a year. This is equivalent to nearly 3 days of schooling a year. Being 10 minutes late a day therefore adds up to 31 hours and 40 minutes, 5 ¾ days of missed school.

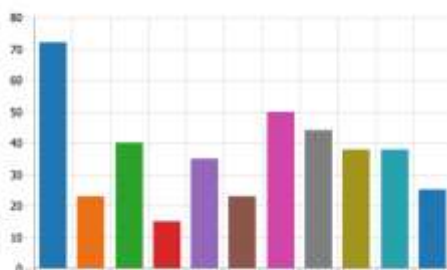
## Clubs Survey

Thank you to the 99 responses we had regarding clubs. The most popular requests for clubs were for art/ crafts, computing, science and then sports clubs. The results are shown below. We have already started looking at which clubs staff could offer as well as some different companies and hope to be able to offer some of these throughout the rest of the year to increase the amount of clubs we already offer.

3. Please select all the clubs you would be willing to pay for your child to attend

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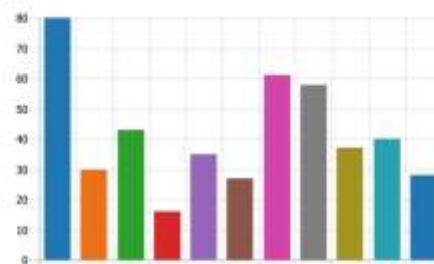
Art / Craft	72
French (or another Modern Fo...	23
Football	40
Netball	15
Basketball	35
Tennis	23
Computing	50
Science	44
Dance	38
Gymnastics	38
Badminton	25



4. Please select all the clubs you would be like your child to attend if we could find any funding for them to run for free

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Art / Craft	80
French (or another Modern Fo...	30
Football	43
Netball	16
Basketball	35
Tennis	27
Computing	61
Science	58
Dance	37
Gymnastics	40
Badminton	28

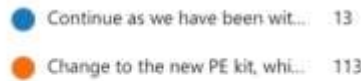


## **PE KIT survey**

Thank you for the 126 responses to the proposed changes to PE Kit. As you can see from below there was a huge preference for changing to the proposed new kit arrangements from September 2022.

### 3. Which option do you think we should do?

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**From September** we will therefore be moving to the new PE Kit. To confirm this will be a white round neck t-shirt which can be bought from anywhere (although following some feedback we will be offering one with a logo from our usual supplier for those who want), black plain tracksuit bottoms (not leggings) / black plain shorts in warmer weather, plain black trainers and a school sweatshirt or fleece.

Thank you for all those who also left comments for us to consider. We collated these and discussed those which appeared more than once at a Full Governing Body meeting. One of the main issues raised by parents was in relation to plain black trainers. This was discussed however looking at a variety of shops plain black trainers are readily available at different price ranges including more affordable ranges. It was felt that this still promoted a feeling of uniform which some parents had commented favourably on, and as other schools have also implemented similar was proven to be possible. If any parent has financial difficulties with this for September we would encourage them to speak to us to see if we are able to support their child.

For the rest of this year children can wear their current PE kit to school on their PE days as we transition to the new PE Kit from September. This should be their coloured school PE tshirt or a plain white tshirt, black shorts or tracksuit bottoms (not necessarily black until September), trainers (not necessarily black until September) with their school jumper or fleece over their tshirt. This will start from after half term until the end of the school year. Class teachers will post on Seesaw a reminder of PE days.

Children should continue to bring in their change of clothes on their Forest Schools Day, as this is often dirty after a session or not appropriate for them to work in all day.

### **Inset days and September start date**

There are two remaining inset days this year – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February and Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June.

We have agreed the first two Inset days in September and can confirm children will start back on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September. Further dates will be agreed and added to the school website.

### **Are you safe from Cybercrime?**

We have been asked to share that there is a free, quick digital MOT tool that you can access here [www.safeguarding.gov.uk/mot](http://www.safeguarding.gov.uk/mot) to get advice on improving your safety online from Cybercrime if you are interested.

### **Rocksteady Concert**

Children will be performing on 4<sup>th</sup> April their end of term concert in the morning for those who have music lessons. We hope to be able to invite parents in to see their children perform, however will confirm nearer the time.

### **Caretaker Vacancy**

We are still seeking a part-time caretaker to join our dedicated cleaning and caretaking team at Hallam Fields Junior School. The role is being recruited by Vertas Derbyshire who would welcome applicants from our local community. Should you or someone you know be interested you can find out more information and apply by following this link <https://tinyurl.com/3xb6mxrn>

## **A few reminders .....**

### **Parent Pay Balances/Free School Meal Eligibility**

We are finding that there are a number of accounts with regular outstanding balances on Parent Pay. Please ensure there are sufficient funds on your child's dinner money account in advance of them having a school dinner. There are handy alerts which can be set up to notify you if your account balance is running low.

If you find that your circumstances have changed you may be entitled to Free School Meals. Please follow this link to check eligibility

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/your-child-at-school/meals/school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

### **Jewellery**

A reminder that children are only permitted to wear a pair of stud style earrings and a wrist watch. We have noticed a number of children have been coming to school wearing dangly earrings and other items of jewellery which are not permitted for health and safety reasons.

### **Allergies/Nut-free Zone**

Please keep us up to date with any allergies and intolerances. A form will need to be completed for any child with an allergy which will be shared with staff and the Catering Department. Please speak to the school office to request a form.

Our school is 'nut-free zone' as we have a child in school who suffers with a nut allergy. Please ensure any packed lunches and snacks brought in from home are completely nut-free.

### **Home time arrangements and appointments**

Please ensure any changes to home time arrangements or appointments are written in your child's home/school diary. Please avoid (where possible) telephoning school right at the end of the day to notify school of changes to arrangements as it can be difficult to ensure lots of messages get to different class teachers and children at such a busy time of the school day.

### **Contact Details**

Don't forget to let us know if you or one of your child's emergency contact details changes. It is essential our contact information is up to date and we have two emergency contacts for your child. Please use the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/r/3yzCRi3B8v>

### **Parking / Dropping off**

We are continuing to see people either blocking drives or stopping on the zigzags letting children out or collecting them. Please consider the safety of all of our children and park a bit further away and walk if you need to, rather than risk the safety of others or hold up traffic.

### **Diary Dates:**

Monday 21st-Friday 25th February—Half Term

Monday 28th February—INSET DAY

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Author Sam Copeland in school.

Thursday 3rd March—World Book Day – Children can come dressed as a character complete with the book to accompany their outfit. Further details on the reading newsletter.

Friday 18th March—Global Recycling Day

Friday 18th March—Red Nose Day – Children to wear something red / non-uniform (Donations via ParentPay and Red Noses on sale outside school during mornings before the date).

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Parents' Evening (Details nearer the time).

Monday 11th April-Friday 22nd April—Easter Holidays

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May-Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 SATs

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Walk to School Week

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Inset Day

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> –Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 PGL Residential Visit