



# HALLAM FIELDS JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome

Welcome to all of our new children in year 3 and those who have joined other year groups. We have also welcomed Miss McCreedy who has joined us as a class teacher in year 4.

## Come to lunch

For those of you who have not been before to a 'come to lunch', each year group/class has a date set where you as parents (or Grandparents) are invited into school to spend some time in your child's class from 11.30am (often completing a task!) before having a school lunch with your child. There is then a chance to have a hot drink with staff before the children go back into lessons. The dates for this year are; Rowan—Wednesday 13th November, Lime—20th November, Oak—Wednesday 15th January, Ash—Wednesday 22nd January, Chestnut—Wednesday 4th March, Birch—Wednesday 25th March, Beech—Wednesday 22nd April and Willow—Wednesday 6th May. You can book your places on ParentPay, booking is already on the system for the year.

## Christmas Panto

After a successful Panto trip last year we are once again taking the children to see the Panto. We will be using money raised at fundraising events to subsidise the bus, and therefore ask you to pay the remaining balance (which is payable on Parent Pay). The cost of the ticket is £13 to see Peter Pan. This year we will be going to the panto at Derby Arena in the morning, due to getting back late each night we hope this will be better. We will be taking the whole school on Thursday 12th December. The children will come back to school for a late lunch, and therefore will require snacks for during the panto (further details nearer the time). The cost for the trip is £13 (with a school subsidy for the bus) and will be on Parent Pay for you to pay for from today. We ask for all payments by Friday 15th November to finalise numbers.

## Christmas Dinner—ORDER BY 4th October

We shall be having our school Christmas Dinner during the week beginning 16th December. We ask that any child wanting Christmas dinner stays for the full week, so that the kitchen are able to order the right amount of food and have enough staff. Please complete on ParentPay to say your child will be staying—this **MUST BE COMPLETED BY Friday 4th October** for the kitchen to be able to order the meals.

*If your child is entitled to Free School Meals we will automatically order a dinner for them.*

## End of the day routine

Just to remind you that we have a staggered finish time at the end of the day. Years 3 and 6 leave from 3.25pm and years 4 and 5 from 3.30pm. This is to try and help with children not all leaving in one big group. Year 3 and 4 continue to walk up the school drive with year 5 and 6 from the main entrance by reception.

Please remember to notify the school office if you want to change your permission if your child is allowed to walk home.

## Parking

As ever we understand that parking at the beginning and end of the school day are a problem. Whilst many parents think staff should all park in the car park, there simply isn't room and although we have explored the cost of extending staff parking space the cost is too much, and would take money away from your child's education by having to reduce staffing.

We ask that anyone collecting, please considers all children's safety as there have been many near misses where people are parking or driving on pavements, or parking inconsiderately or dangerously. We appreciate all who are able to walk with their children or park further away to ease congestion.



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## Hankies

Our school will be taking part in the remembrance event at Victoria Park on Saturday 26th October between 11am and 2pm. All children have been using their artistic skills to create a World War 1 themed design on their own hankie. The finished hankies from local schools and members of the community will be on display and for sale in the park at the event which is in support of the Ilkeston branch of the Royal British Legion. Refreshments will be available on the bandstand. We hope you will be able to come along and support this special community event.

## Parent Forum

We have been running a Parent Forum for a number of years now, and as ever we would welcome new members. It is run termly by Mrs Carr and is a chance to meet up and discuss a particular topic. It has proved to be a useful way of working together and parents having the chance to share their views and influence the way we do certain things in school. If you might be interested please contact Mrs Carr or the school office so that we can send you further information or invite you to the next meeting.

## Bikeability

We have had a number of queries from parent/carers regarding Bikeability this year for children in Year 4 and 5. This scheme is organised by a different company and unfortunately we are governed by the availability of their staff, dates offered and criteria to take part.

## Aldi Vouchers

We are collecting Aldi vouchers to receive a free sports kit and the chance to win £20,000 for the school. Please ask anyone you know who shops or works there to help us by collecting vouchers.

## Clubs for Autumn Term

Monday - RockSteady Club (During the morning) - Please contact the office if you would like your child to learn an instrument for further details

- Creative Clay Club (Book direct with them)
- Sports (Children picked by Miss Godgridge for events, consent via Parent Pay)

Tuesday - Cookery (Year group to be selected)

- Sports (Children picked by Miss Godgridge for events, consent via Parent Pay)

Wednesday - Derby County Football (Book via Parent Pay)

### **Keep up to date with what is happening at school;**

Class blogs can be accessed via the school website with lots of photos and comments throughout the year about what the children are doing in class.

**Do you have a Twitter account? If so follow us [@HallamFieldsJS](https://twitter.com/HallamFieldsJS) or find us on Facebook**

All updates to the school blogs are sent to both Twitter and Facebook automatically



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## Dates for the year

### **Autumn Terms**

Friday 20th September	-	School Council Elections
Mon 23rd to Fri 27th Sept	-	Book Fair (in the hall from 3.30pm every night)
Wednesday 23rd October	-	Parents' Evening 3.40 –6pm
Thursday 24th October	-	Parents' Evening 3.40– 6pm
<b>Mon 28th Oct –Fri 1st Nov-</b>		<b>Half-term holiday</b>
Thursday 7th November	-	Halloween Disco (year 3 and 4 3.30-4.30 and years 5 and 6 4.45 to 5.45pm— <u>ParentPay</u> )
Monday 11th November	-	Remembrance Day marked in school
Monday 11th November	-	School Photos
Mon 11th– Fri 15th November	-	National antibullying week—'Change starts with us'
Wednesday 13th November	-	Rowan Class come to lunch (11.30am)
Friday 15th November	-	Year 5 Assembly 9.15am
Wednesday 20th November	-	Lime Class come to lunch (11.30am)
<b>Friday 22nd November</b>	-	<b>INSET</b>
Friday 6th December	-	Christmas Fair 3.30pm onwards
W/B 16th December	-	Christmas Dinner week (Children need to stay dinners all week)
Thursday 12th December	-	Panto in Derby (Payment on ParentPay)
Monday 16th December	-	Year 5 Christmas Party
Tuesday 17th December	-	Year 6 Christmas Party
Tuesday 17th December-		Lower School (Years 3 and 4) Christmas carols at St. John's Church —2pm
Wednesday 18th December	-	Year 3 Christmas Party
Wednesday 18th December	-	Upper School (Years 5 and 6) Christmas carols at St. John's Church —2pm
Thursday 19th December	-	Year 4 Christmas Party
<b>Mon 23rd Dec—Friday 3rd Jan-</b>		<b>Christmas holiday</b>

### **Spring Terms**

Wednesday 15th January	-	Oak Class come to lunch (11.30am)
Wednesday 22nd January	-	Ash Class come to lunch (11.30am)
Wednesday 5th February	-	Art Day
Friday 7th February	-	Year 3 Assembly 9.15am
Tuesday 11th February	-	Safer internet Day
<b>Friday 14th February</b>	-	<b>INSET—School closed to children</b>
<b>Mon 17th-Fri 21st Feb</b>	-	<b>Half Term Holiday</b>



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## Spring Terms (Cont)

Mon 2nd—Fri 6th March	-	Book Week
Wednesday 4th March	-	Chestnut class come to lunch (11.30am)
Thursday 5th March	-	World Book Day—Book Character Fancy Dress
Friday 13th March	-	Maths Day
Wednesday 25th March	-	Birch class come to lunch (11.30am)
Wednesday 18th March	-	Parents' Evening—3.40-6pm
Thursday 19th March	-	Parents' Evening-3.40-6pm
<b>Mon 6th—Fri 17th Apr</b>	-	<b>Easter holiday</b>

## Summer Terms

Wednesday 22nd April	-	Beech class come to lunch (11.30am)
Friday 1st May	-	Year 4 Assembly 9.15am
Wednesday 6th May	-	Willow class come to lunch (11.30am)
<b>Mon 11th—Thurs 14th May-</b>	-	<b>SATs Week for Y6</b>
<b>Mon 25th May —Fri 29th May-</b>	-	<b>Half Term Holiday</b>
Tuesday 2nd June	-	Sports Day (AM)
Wed 10th—Fri 12th June	-	Year 6 Residential
Wed 1st & Thurs 2nd July	-	Transition for Year 6 to Ormiston Secondary school
Thurs 2nd & Fri 3rd July	-	Transition for Year 6 to Kirk Hallam and St John Secondary schools
Thursday 2nd July-	-	Transition day to new class (whole school)
Thursday 9th July -	-	Reports out to parents
Friday 10th July	-	Year 6 Leavers' Party 6-8pm
Monday 13th July	-	Optional Drop in Parents' Evening to discuss reports (3.45—5.00pm)
Monday 13th July	-	Year 6 Evening Performance of show—6pm
Tuesday 14th July	-	Year 6 Morning Performance of show—9.15am
Tuesday 14th July-	-	Sports Award Evening (for invited children)
Thursday 16th July	-	Year 6 leavers' assembly—2pm
<b>Friday 17th July</b>	-	<b>3.30pm Break up for Summer holiday</b>
<b>Monday 22nd July</b>	-	<b>INSET—School closed to children</b>
<b>Tuesday 23rd July</b>	-	<b>INSET—School closed to children</b>

## Themed School Dinner Days

25th September	-	Best of British
24th October	-	Sausage Sizzler



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