



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 some new members of staff this year. Miss Ramsell-Smith has joined us as a class teacher in year 3 and Mrs Hewitt and Mrs Stevenson have joined us as teaching assistants working mainly in year 3.

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; Year 6—Wednesday 7th November, Oak—Wednesday 30th January, Ash—Wednesday 6th February, Chestnut—Wednesday 6th March, Birch—Wednesday 20th March, Beech—10th April and Willow—Wednesday 1st May. You can book your places on ParentPay, booking is already on the system for the year.

Congratulations

At the end of the summer term we were delighted to be awarded the Silver ArtsMark Award. Mrs Smedley who coordinates art has overseen the work and development of the arts across the school. We see this as really important for the children to have lots of experiences / opportunities and not just focus on Literacy and Numeracy. We managed to take children to art galleries, the theatre and had different artists in school to work with the children (and for staff training) over the past couple of years.

In sports after another successful year, with some more trophies, we have achieved the Gold Active Mark again for a third year. Miss Godridge continues to work in school delivering one of the children's PE lessons each week, and we finished the year off in July with a PE awards evening—well done to all the winners.

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 £12.50 to see Jack and the Beanstalk. This year we will be going to the panto at Derby Arena. We will be taking years 3 and 4 on Wednesday 12th December and years 5 and 6 on Thursday 13th December. We will take the children during the afternoon although we may be back after 3.30pm depending on the finishing time (details to follow later). The cost for the theatre ticket is £12.50 and will be on Parent Pay for you to pay for from today. We ask for all payments by Friday 16th November to finalise numbers.

Christmas Dinner—ORDER BY 12th October

We shall be having our school Christmas Dinner during the week beginning 10th 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 12th 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.

Security at School

We have just finished changing the entrance system to school. This means that if you arrive after 9am the far gate will be closed as well as the main door. There is a bell and intercom on the gate, and once you have been 'buzzed in' the gate and door will open for you. If you are in school during the day the office will now need to release the door and gate for you to be able to leave. The main gate will be opened from 8.40am for the children arriving early to be able to stand by the main door ready to come in from 8.50am. There will be no difference for them of an evening leaving.



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Can you or your business help?

As a school we are often looking for work to be carried out, and are looking to build up local companies and contacts which we can rely on (and offer us good value for money). If you work for yourself or a company and have a profession which we may be able to call on please complete your details on the attached sheet and return to school with your child.

Can you offer help in a different way?

If you have a profession, interest or expertise in something which we may link to a curriculum area, or be able to offer a one off visit to talk to a class or share what you do we would also like to hear from you.

With all volunteers you will be required to either have a DBS check to safeguard our children, or accompany the class teacher for individual visits.

Friends of Hallam Fields

Over recent years due to a lack of parents offering / able to help we have had to reduce our fundraising events, which unfortunately has an impact on all children and what we can offer them. We are looking for a group of parents who can spare some time to come to a meeting, and also then take on the organisation of different events such as the Christmas Fair and discos for the children.

If you think you could help please complete and return the slip below.

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 complete and return the attached slip so that we can send you further information or invite you to the next meeting.

Clubs for Autumn Term

Monday - RockSteady Club (During the morning)

- Creative Clay Club
- Gardening Club (Y6) - Any Adult volunteers welcome—please speak to Mrs Winsor/Mrs Healy
- Sports (Children picked by Miss Godgridge for events)

Tuesday - Cookery (Y5)

- Sports (Children picked by Miss Godgridge for events)

Wednesday -Derby County Football

Thursday -Spaghetti Maths

Genes for Jeans Day

On Friday 21st September it is Genes for Jeans day. There will be a non uniform day to come in jeans (if possible) and we will be collecting donations towards the work of the charity Genetic Disorder UK. We shall be sharing some of this work with the children in class / assembly during next week. You can find out more about their work at <https://www.jeansforgenesday.org/our-work>

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

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| Friday 21st September | - | School Council Elections |
| Friday 21st September | - | Genes for Jeans Day—Non Uniform |
| Mon 24th to Fri 28th Sept | - | Book Fair (in the hall from 3.30pm every night) |
| Friday 28th September | - | Maths Detectives Day |
| Wednesday 3rd October | - | No Pens Day (Whole School) |
| Tuesday 16th October | - | Parents' Evening 3.40 –6pm |
| Wednesday 17th October | - | Parents' Evening 3.40– 6pm |
| Mon 29th Oct –Fri 2nd Nov | | Half-term holiday |
| Wednesday 7th November | - | Year 6 come to lunch (11.30am) |
| Thursday 8th November | - | Halloween Disco (year 3 and 4 3.30-4.30 and years 5 and 6 4.45 to 5.45pm— <u>ParentPay</u>) |
| Friday 9th November | - | Remembrance Day marked in school |
| Mon 12th– Fri 16th November | - | National antibullying week—'Choose Respect' |
| Friday 16th November | - | Year 5 Assembly 9.15am |
| Monday 19th November | - | INSET |
| Friday 30th November | - | Christmas Fair 3.30pm onwards |
| W/B 10th December | - | Christmas Dinner week (Children need to stay dinners all week) |
| Wednesday 12th December | - | Years 3 and 4 to see Panto in Derby (Payment on ParentPay) |
| Tuesday 13th December | - | Years 5 and 6 to see Panto in Derby (Payment on ParentPay) |
| Monday 17th December | - | Year 3 Christmas Party |
| Tuesday 18th December | - | Year 5 Christmas Party |
| Wednesday 19th December | - | Year 6 Christmas Party |
| Wednesday 19th December | - | Lower School Christmas carols at St. John's Church —2pm |
| Thursday 20th December | - | Year 4 Christmas Party |
| Thursday 20th December | - | Upper School Christmas carols at St. John's Church —2pm |
| Mon 24th Dec—Mon 7th Jan- | | Christmas holiday |

Spring Terms

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| 16th—30th January | - | RSPB Big School Garden Watch |
| Tuesday 22nd January | - | Number Day |
| Wednesday 23rd January | - | World Handwriting Day |
| Wednesday 30th January | - | Oak Class come to lunch (11.30am) |
| Tuesday 5th February | - | Safer internet Day |
| Wednesday 6th February | - | Ash Class come to lunch (11.30am) |
| Friday 8th February | - | 100th Day of School |
| Wednesday 13th February | - | Art Day |
| Friday 15th February | - | INSET—School closed to children |
| Mon 18th-Fri 22nd Feb | - | Half Term Holiday |



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Spring Terms (Cont)

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| Mon 4th–Fri 8th March | - | Book Week |
| Wednesday 6th March | - | Chestnut class come to lunch (11.30am) |
| Thursday 7th March | - | World Book Day and Disco after school |
| Tuesday 12th March | - | Maths Day |
| Thursday 14th March | - | Science Day |
| Wednesday 20th March | - | Birch class come to lunch (11.30am) |
| Wednesday 27th March | - | Parents' Evening—3.40-6pm |
| Thursday 28th March | - | Parents' Evening-3.40-6pm |
| Friday 5th April | - | Year 4 Assembly 9.15am |
| Wednesday 10th April | - | Beech class come to lunch (11.30am) |
| Mon 15th–Fri 26th Apr | - | Easter holiday |

Summer Terms

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| Wednesday 1st May | - | Willow class come to lunch (11.30am) |
| Friday 10th May | - | Year 3 Assembly 9.15am |
| Mon 13th–Thurs 16th May- | - | SATs Week for Y6 |
| Friday 24th May | - | INSET—School closed to children |
| Mon 27th May –Fri 31st May- | - | Half Term Holiday |
| Tues 2nd & Wed 3rd July | - | Transition for Year 6 to Kirk Hallam , Ormiston and St John Secondary schools |
| Wednesday 3rd July | - | Transition day to new class (whole school) |
| Wednesday 10th July | - | Sports Day (AM) |
| Wednesday 10th July | - | Sports Award Evening (for invited children) |
| Thursday 11th July | - | Reports out to parents |
| Friday 12th July | - | Year 6 Leavers' Party 6-8pm |
| Monday 15th July | - | Optional Drop in Parents' Evening to discuss reports (3.45–5.00pm) |
| Monday 15th July | - | Year 6 Evening Performance of show—6pm |
| Tuesday 16th July | - | Year 6 Morning Performance of show—9.15am |
| Thursday 18th July | - | Year 6 leavers' assembly—2pm |
| Friday 19th July | - | 3.30pm Break up for Summer holiday |
| Monday 22nd July | - | INSET—School closed to children |

Themed School Dinner Days

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| Monday 28th January | - | Big Bird Watch |
| Thursday 14th February | - | Viking Day |
| Tuesday 5th March | - | Pancake Day |



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Business Contact Details (If you or the company you work for may be a contact for school to use)

Name:

Your Child's Name:

Your Child's Class:

Company Name:

Type Of Business:

Contact phone number:

Website (if applicable):

Email Address (if applicable):

The information will be uploaded onto the school server which is a password protected IT System and used to make contact with you.

Our privacy notice can be viewed at <http://www.hallamfields.derbyshire.sch.uk/user/image/privacy-notice-for-schools-and-settings-hallam-fields-junior-school-may-2018.pdf>

I give consent for my personal information to be used for the purpose described above. Please note you have the right to withdraw the consent at any time by contacting Mrs Ashby, School Business manager in the office.

Signed:

Offer of a skill / expertise / knowledge (which Teachers may be able to contact you about to come in to support a curriculum area / topic)

Name:

Your Child's Name:

What can you help with / offer to different classes?

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Friends of Hallam Fields

I am interested in being part of the Friends of Hallam Fields and organising events. We will be looking to appoint a chair, vice chair and treasurer so if you have any experience or are keen to take on a role that would also be great.

Name:

Your Child's Name:

Your Child's Class:

I would be interested in taking on the role of Chair / Vice-Chair / Treasurer (Optional)

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Your Child's Name:

Your Child's Class: