



HALLAM FIELDS JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Fund Raising

We would like to thank all children who participated in the **#HelloYellow Young Minds** day wearing something yellow which raised **£262.00** and non-uniform day which raised **£212.50** for **BBC Children in Need**. Thank you also for all the donations for those in need that you have been sending in to support families over the Christmas period.

Covid-19

Thank you to all parent/carers who have supported our school and the community in staying safe and helping to reduce the spread of the virus by starting to wear face masks outside the school gates and continuing to be socially distant.

If your child or a member of your household develops any of the Coronavirus symptoms (a temperature, new persistent cough or a loss of taste/smell), please arrange to book a test by visiting <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. You can also call 119 to get a test or ring the dedicated DfE helpline on 0800 046 8687 for information and guidance.

If your child or anyone in the household develops symptoms and is being tested please let us know as soon as possible. If this is over the weekend or the Christmas holiday then please email enquiries@hallamfields.derbyshire.sch.uk

If your child does not have any Coronavirus symptoms but is not well enough to come into school, please keep them at home and contact the school by 9.30am to report the absence.

Christmas Cards

We want to continue with any of the usual Christmas activities as we can. We feel it is important for children to give out Christmas cards if they want to friends or staff. If your child would like to we ask they bring them in on a Monday or Tuesday only. They will then be kept in a box in class before being given out on the Friday to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Christmas Carols / Concert

Unfortunately we will not be able to carry out our usual Christmas activities, however classes will be putting together a short Christmas clip to share with parents over the next few weeks. Throughout this week's Forest School sessions children will be sitting around the camp fire, with some classes singing. Children can bring a Christmas hat for their Forest School day or something Christmassy, please avoid tinsel though due to being close to a fire. Unfortunately we won't be able to sing the same amount of songs as previous years due to not being able to sing inside.

Photos from some of our NHS Heroes thanking us for the stones and cards from the children.





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Learning at home and at school

Thank you to all who replied to our survey about online learning in the event of any closures. During last half term we unfortunately had to close the year 4 bubble for two weeks, and currently we have the year 5 bubble closed as you will be aware. The uptake from parents with the daily work is extremely positive and the children have benefited from being able to meet each morning with their class teacher and class mates before completing work throughout the day and submitting it on Seesaw. Feedback from parents was very positive about how well the staff engaged the children and how they enjoyed being together, even if only online.

If you did not respond to the survey and do not have access to the internet for your child to access online learning, please let the office know so that we can support you in the event of any closures.

If you have a device but limited internet access we are hoping to be able to provide some data for you to be able to access the internet on if you can't thanks to Vodafone. Again if you have problems accessing the internet please do let us know so we can support your child's learning if they can't come in to school.

As a school our main focus has been, on your child's well being before we started to look at what gaps they might have from not being in school during the first lockdown. One of the areas we are focussing on is an increase in reading in school and at home. We are also looking at phonics and how we can support the children with gaps throughout the school.

Nearly all of the children started back in September with huge smiles on their faces, glad to see friends and some sort of normality again. However as time has gone on there are many things which some are struggling with, just like we as adults are struggling to adapt to. One of the biggest differences has been the need for limited time outside to allow bubbles not to mix, and the lack of some games which we are not allowed to play. Children show their behaviour in very different ways and where as we are supporting some children who are more withdrawn and possibly struggling missing family that they spent so much time with, other children show their emotions as anger and can become distressed at their frustrations. As ever as a school we aim to support all, whether this be with in class support with the staff who know them the best, or where possible taking the children out for 1:1 sessions such as Thrive. If your child is involved in 1:1 sessions you will have had this discussed with you by a member of staff. As the need for this grows we are increasing the amount of staff trained in delivering 1:1 sessions to be able to support more children each week.

We are continuing to work with other agencies who can offer support, either on a 1:1 in school with counselling style sessions for children, or through work with families. As ever if you are struggling in any way please speak to one of us so that we can see if there is anyway we can help you. There are also lots of organisations on our website who may be able to help with financial support, food, counselling and mental and emotional health and well-being, visit the Covid-19 section of our website from the main page.

Dates for the Diary:

During December - As this year we can't go to the theatre like normal we have purchased an online panto for all children to watch. They will also be able to meet some of the cast in a live session.

Friday 11th December—Christmas Jumper/Christmas Item Day (school uniform and jumper / item)

Monday 14th December—Year 3 Christmas Party—More details to follow from your child's class

Tuesday 15th December—Year 4 Christmas Party—More details to follow from your child's class

Wednesday 16th December—Year 6 Christmas Party—More details to follow from your child's class

Wednesday 16th December—Christmas Hot Food To Go Option (must have been pre-ordered by 13th November)

Thursday 17th December—Year 5 Christmas Party—More details to follow from your child's class

Friday 18th December—Break up for Christmas

Monday 4th January—Back to School