



# HALLAM FIELDS JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Staffing changes in year 4 and 5

We would like to congratulate Mr Davis on being successful in getting a promotion to a school in Leicestershire. Mr Davis spent one of his teaching placements as a student teacher here at Hallam Fields before being successful in getting a job with us where he has been for the last five years. His new job is not only a promotion, but also much closer to his family and will allow him more time with his own children. We wish him well in his new position as he will be sadly missed. Birch class will be taught by Mrs Russell who is an experienced teacher joining us after a successful interview until the end of the school year. She will be working with Mr Davis and the class during the last week of term to get to know the children and ensure a smooth handover.

We will also be saying goodbye to Miss Birch who has been with us over the last two years. She will be leaving us at Christmas. We wish her all the best for the future. We have been lucky enough to be able to employ Miss Latiff to teach the class for the remainder of the year. Miss Latiff taught the class earlier this term whilst Miss Birch was off ill. She knows the class well and will be working with Mrs Riley over the coming weeks to plan ahead for January.

## New arrivals

Congratulations to Mrs Kendrick who gave birth to her first child, a son called Charlie, and also to Mrs Sibley who gave birth to her second child, a son called Edward (Teddy). All are doing well, and both Mrs Kendrick and Mrs Sibley are likely to return at the end of the Summer term.

## Parking

We are receiving increased complaints from local residents who are struggling to get in and out of their drives due to inconsiderate parking, along with buses getting stuck and holding traffic up. Please leave driveways clear and consider where you are parking so it is safe for the children, and that you are not blocking buses and lorries getting through.

## Piano

We have an upright piano available free to a good home. If you would like a piano, or know someone who would, we have one that needs a good home. It hasn't been used in many years and is taking up valuable space. Collection would need to be arranged for it. If you are interested please speak to the school office.

## Panto

We are delighted that nearly the whole school will be coming to the panto with us on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December. As you will be aware this year we are taking the children in the morning (to avoid coming back as late as we did last year). It does mean that the children will be having a late lunch when we get back to school, we will know a rough time nearer the time. We would ask that you send your child with a drink and snack which they can have during the interval to keep them going until lunchtime. No fizzy drinks or snacks with nuts in please.



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## Lower School Christmas Carols—Tuesday 17th December

Children from years 3 and 4 will be walking to St John's Church on Nottingham Road on Tuesday 17th December for their 2pm performance. Parents/Relatives are welcome to watch the performance and parents/relatives of children attending will be able to collect their children at the end following confirmation with the class teacher. The performance is expected to last around 45 minutes. If you are able to walk up to the church with the children, please telephone the school office or speak with your child's class teacher. Those offering to walk will have seats reserved for them.

## Upper School Christmas Carols—Wednesday 18th December

Children from years 5 and 6 will be walking to St John's Church on Nottingham Road on Wednesday 18th December for their 2pm performance. Parents/Relatives are welcome to watch the performance and parents/relatives of children attending will be able to collect their children at the end following confirmation with the class teacher. The performance is expected to last around 45 minutes. If you are able to walk up to the church with the children, please telephone the school office or speak with your child's class teacher. Those offering to walk will have seats reserved for them.

## Christmas Parties

The year group parties will be held in school during the afternoons of week commencing Monday 16th December. Children should come in to school in their school uniform but will be allowed to bring in party clothes to change into for the afternoon. Collection at normal times.

Year 5 Monday 16th December

Year 6 Tuesday 17th December

Year 3 Wednesday 18th December

Year 4 Thursday 19th December

Our last day in school is **Friday 20th December**. We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and look forward to seeing children back in school on **Monday 6th January 2020**.