



# Newsletter

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Headline!

News!

**Dear Parents/Carers,**

Firstly, a huge thank you to all those that braved the weather and dark nights to come in to see teachers for parents evening. I know the teachers found it useful and hope you all agree it was a worthwhile consultation too.

This week we have spent a lot of time talking about kindness. Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November was the international day of being kind and it linked it perfectly with Anti-Bullying Week. We have a sign in school which simply states 'If you can be anything, be kind' donated by Mrs Dickens when she left our school in 2021. We read a lovely book all about kindness and being kind to creatures, the planet, our friends and family, but most of all, ourselves.

This week, we have seen so many viruses going around the school. Children are looking very tired. Please be kind to them and yourselves this weekend and try to rest and relax.

Have a good weekend,

**Mrs Bodman-Knight**

## ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

This week children have been partaking in activities linked to Anti-bullying Week 'Reach Out'. We talked about kindness in assembly and how our school values can help us. We wore odd socks to acknowledge we are all different and that's ok. We sang the song by Andy and the Odd Socks. We learnt a lot and remembered the meaning of bullying; SEVERAL TIMES ON PURPOSE (STOP).





## NATIVITY – CHANGE TO DATES/TIMES

We have had to make changes to the original dates and times of the Reception and KS1 Nativity.

The performances will now be on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> of December. Both performances will be at 2pm.

Each child will receive **one** ticket for each performance, as we are limited for space. Tickets will be sent home the week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> December.

## CONGRATULATIONS!



A huge congratulations to Mr Farmer on graduating from University. Mr Farmer attended his graduation ceremony this week where he was presented with his degree. We know he worked very hard for this and are thrilled to have him as part of our team!  
Well done, Mr Farmer!



Congratulations also to Ellis in Apollo, who has been accepted into the Aston Villa Training Academy. We are so very proud of his achievements and can't wait to hear how he gets on!

## TTR Competition: England Rocks



Well done to everyone that participated in the **Times Table Rockstars competition** this week. The top three scorers in each class will be announced in next Friday's assembly.  
For now, please find below the positions of our classes.

### Well done to Zeus Class for coming out on top!

Position (Out of 28,589 classes taking part)	Class	Class Average Correct
197	Zeus - Hall Meadow Primary School	2,656
1534	Athena - Hall Meadow Primary School	1,165
5853	Poseidon - Hall Meadow Primary School	459
6990	Ares - Hall Meadow Primary School	387
8848	Apollo - Hall Meadow Primary School	294



## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November the school photographer will be visiting to take photographs of the children.

## CHRISTMAS FAYRE



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Due to the success and enjoyment of last year's fayre, we will again be holding our Christmas Fayre for children only, during the afternoon of Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

Children are invited to bring a maximum of £7.50 to school in a named purse/envelope, to spend on crafts, tombolas, games and gifts.



## SCHOOL CHRISTMAS MEAL

The school Christmas meal is now available to order from Dolce, via School Grid, for Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

## CHILDREN IN NEED

It was lovely to see our school community supporting Children in Need today.

You all raised an amazing £199.24!



## PACT – EVENTS AND NEWS



### MAGIC PAUL

We are welcoming Magic Paul to school on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November

Time - Straight after school, until 4.45pm

Tickets - £4 per child

Please purchase your tickets, using the link below, by **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**. <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hallmeadowspact/#.Y2FFwyWnwWN>

**AMAZON SMILE** <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/>

Please register your amazon account through the smile link above and search for **Hall Meadow's Parent and Children Together (PACT)**.

Once you have added Hall Meadow to your account, every time you shop through your regular app PACT receive a small donation. So far this is at over £100.





### MUFTI DAY – FRIDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

During ‘Carols on the Playground’ at the end of term, PACT will be holding a Bottle Raffle. There will be a mufti day on Friday 25th November, when children can come to school in their own clothes, in exchange for a bottle donation. Bottles can be of any kind: bubble bath, ketchup, alcohol, fizzy drink etc. We would also appreciate donations of any unwanted gift bags that you may have at home.



### WREATH MAKING – TUESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

PACT have arranged another workshop with Emma on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 7-9pm. This will take place in the school hall & is for adults. We are limited to 20 spaces.

If interested, please add your name & contact number to the list at reception by **Tuesday 29th November**. We will require payment at the time of booking (either cash or cheque, made payable to Hall Meadow’s PACT), please place in an envelope labelled with your name and “wreath workshop”.

Orange juice & a mince pie will be included, please note on the list if you have any dietary requirements. Feel free to bring a bottle of wine with you on the night! Don’t forget your secateurs & gardening gloves!



### STARS OF THE WEEK

- IRIS – Naythan
- DEMETER – Ayaan
- APOLLO - Ella
- POSEIDON - Maxi
- ATHENA - Sara
- ARES - Teagan
- ZEUS - Millie

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### Social Media - Posts of the week!



Sublime! We're starting our 4th year part in the T21 for...  
...and more that we can't show...  
@hallmeadowps @primary\_hall



Hallmeadow's Mufti Day...  
...and more that we can't show...  
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## INMAT SOCIAL MEDIA:

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## CURRENT VACANCIES:

### Cluster Finance Manager

**Permanent**, Term time only, 38 weeks (this could possibly be increased)

**Working Hours:** Full Time, 37 Hours per week Monday to Friday 8:30 to 16:30

**Location:** The post-holder will be working across three of our academies, so requires some flexibility around travel but will be based in Kettering.

Please visit <https://www.teachnorthamptonshire.com/job/cluster-finance-officer-3/> for more details and to apply.

### SEN Teaching Assistant

**Temporary**, Term time only, 39 weeks per year

**Working hours:** 30 hours per week, Mon to Fri 8.30 to 3.30

**Location:** Hall Meadow Primary School, Kettering.

Please visit <https://www.hallmeadow.org/key-informatin/careers> for more details and how to apply.



## DATES FOR DIARY!

### November

**Weds 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov** – School Photographer

**Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Mufti Day (bottle donation)

**Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Nov** - Magic Paul Show after school (by ticket only)

**Weds 30<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Iris Class RWI session 9am

	<p><b>December</b></p> <p><b>Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec</b> – Christmas Fair (children only, in school time)</p> <p><b>Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> – PACT Wreath making workshop (booking only)</p> <p><b>Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> - Year 3 (Poseidon) afternoon walk to St Edwards church.</p> <p><b>Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> – Dolce Christmas Meal</p> <p><b>Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> - M&amp;M Productions in school (Beauty and the Beast)</p> <p><b>Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> - Reception &amp; KS1 Nativity 2pm (letter and tickets to follow)</p> <p><b>Weds 14<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> - Reception &amp; KS1 Nativity 2pm (letter and tickets to follow)</p> <p><b>Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> – Santa visiting classes</p> <p><b>Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> – Carols on the Playground (more information to follow)</p> <p><b>CLASS ASSEMBLIES:</b></p> <p>All class assemblies begin at 9am, in the school hall.</p> <p>IRIS - Weds 28<sup>th</sup> June  DEMETER - Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> May  APOLLO - Weds 29<sup>th</sup> March  POSEIDON - Weds 8<sup>th</sup> March  ATHENA - Weds 25<sup>th</sup> January  ARES - Weds 7<sup>th</sup> December</p>
<p><b>2022-23</b></p>	<p><b>TERM DATES</b></p> <p><b>Term 2</b>  Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – End of term</p> <p><b>Term 3</b>  Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January – Bank Holiday  Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Training Day  Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January – School open to all pupils  Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February - End of Term</p> <p><b>Term 4</b>  Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February– Training Day  Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February – School open to all pupils  Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – End of term</p>

**Term 5**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April– Training Day

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April – School open to all pupils

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May – Bank Holiday

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May – End of term

**Term 6**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June – School open to all pupils

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July – End of term