



# Newsletter

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## Headline!

## News!

### Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy term! Thank you to all those who offered support last week during OFSTED and your kind words following the inspection. We are still waiting the first draft of the report.

Christmas has been top of the agenda this week, from the Nativity to Panto to Christmas lunch, to a visit from the big man, Father Christmas himself! In between we have been celebrating the festive season with parties, games, crafts and movies, with popcorn supplied by PACT.

As 2022 draws to a close, I am sure we will all remember the year with sadness and joy. So many wonderful events missed during the pandemic were once again enjoyed by all and for me, the Jubilee dancing really stands out as an event filled with so much delight, whilst the sadness at the passing of HM Queen Elizabeth will always be etched in my memory. 2023 will see the coronation of King Charles III and I look forward to planning a family event to commemorate this event.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy, fun-filled new year.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Bodman-Knight

### MRS DONALD

Today we say goodbye to our dear friend, Mrs Donald. As we plunge into midwinter she is off to celebrate the summer solstice down under.

We will miss her greatly and we know the children and families from Hall Meadow will too.



### GIFTS AND CARDS

Thank you from all the staff for our wonderful gifts and cards. Each year we are astounded by your kindness and thoughtfulness.

Your gifts are not needed, but they are appreciated.

Thank you all.

## FOOD BANKS AND HOT MEALS THIS CHRISTMAS IN KETTERING



**Kettering Foodbank** Unit 1B, Horse Market, Entrance via Market Street

Tues and Weds 10-1pm, 24th December 10-1pm Closed between Christmas and New year Contact: 07709 741353

**Eden Centre** 21 Montagu Street Kettering - Christmas Day Hot Meal, Crackers and Carols No Charge.

**Kettering Salvation Army** 66 Rockingham Road, 01536 513883



## COST OF LIVING SUPPORT

North Northamptonshire Council will be helping residents who need support with the cost of living by providing and supporting warm spaces at libraries across the area in their 'Warm Spaces' initiative.

'Warm Spaces' will provide somewhere a person can go to get warm, for free and enjoy a hot drink.

Other 'Warm Spaces' are available across North Northamptonshire, along with places that can support with food and provide further information about Council and Government support. This can be found on their Cost of Living pages at: <https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/cost-living>

## FINANCIAL STRESS WEBINARS



"Expert advice on coping with the mental health impact of the rising cost of living is on offer in the run up to Christmas.

The free webinars, run by NHFT Talking Therapies, will offer useful advice, practical ideas, and general coping strategies to help people at this difficult time. Whether it's managing worry, problem solving, tips on self-care, or practical support available locally, the online sessions aim to help.

The Financial Stress Webinar take place on:  
Tuesday 20 December – 6pm-8pm

Yasmin Bailey, Talking Therapies' Senior Psychological Wellbeing Practitioner, said: "We know the increasing cost of household bills and worries about budgets and spending can have a significant impact on mental health, especially in the run up to Christmas. With this in mind, we've launched these webinars as a new and innovative way to share real practical solutions which can help people who find their mental health being impacted by difficult financial circumstances."

Sign up to view the webinar by completing the online registration form at [www.nhft.nhs.uk/iapt](http://www.nhft.nhs.uk/iapt) or you can register by calling 0300 9991616 (9am to 5pm weekdays)



## SPONSORED READ

Apologies for the delay with this – over £700 was raised from the sponsored read, meaning we can order over £1100 worth of books from Usborne Books! The order is going in over the holidays with the prizes to the leading readers and the books being delivered in the spring term.

Thank you so much for all your support with this.

## YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6 - WW1 VISIT

Year 5/6 had an amazingly informative day learning all about WWI, through the use of artefacts and resources.

We even used virtual reality headsets which allowed us to experience life in the trenches as though we were actually there.



## DANGEROUS PARKING

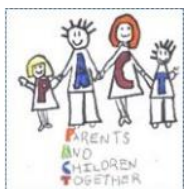
We are aware parking around the school is difficult. We are also aware that most parents park sensibly, despite some residents blocking the paths especially around Hemery Way/Packer Road. However, it is our understanding that the car pictured was parked by a parent, which then prevented parents with push chairs getting past and having to use the road.

I have been really pleased with how respectful our parents have been over the past few months so I am a little disappointed and am sure this was just a one off by the BMW driver and won't be repeated.



We do have the number plate and will contact the police to identify the driver should this parking be repeated.

Thank you all for your continued support with this.



## PACT

A huge thank you for all your support in 2022.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas  
and a very Happy New Year!

**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.

## Hall Meadow

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## Social Media - Posts of the week!



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hallmeadowps The Elf has found his BC secret stash of snacks today!

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inmat\_inspire Cheesy elf!

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## CURRENT VACANCIES:

### 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!

### January

**11<sup>th</sup> Jan** - Year 3 visit to Irchester Country Park

**23<sup>rd</sup> Jan** - Reception & Year 6 Screening (ParentMail sent home)

### February

**3<sup>rd</sup> Feb** - PACT Bingo night (information to follow)

**6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> Feb** - Children's Mental Health Week

**7<sup>th</sup> Feb** - Online Safety Day



	<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</p>
<p><b>2022-23</b></p>	<p><b>TERM DATES</b></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> <p><b>Term 5</b>  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</p> <p><b>Term 6</b>  Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June – School open to all pupils  Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July – End of term</p>