



Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Dear Parents,

The children have had a wonderful day celebrating books and reading. Lots of children chose to dress as a book character and looked great! Well done.



Schools Exhibition, Burton Gallery, Bideford

Thank you to parents who have consented to your children's art work to be displayed in the Burton Art Gallery. We have now submitted the work. The Schools Exhibition will be on from **1st March to 7th April 2024** so do try and go along to look at the children's work on display. Please note the gallery cannot guarantee that all work submitted will be displayed.

Class Assemblies



These are taking place this half term, please see the back of the newsletter for the dates and times.

Parent Consultation

This is an important opportunity to meet your child's teacher to discuss their academic progress as well as their social and emotional development. The majority of the meetings will be in person but you may request a virtual meeting if you prefer. Separated parents are also able to request a meeting. If you are unable to meet on the day, please request an alternative day and the teachers will do their best to accommodate this.

The meetings will take place on Wednesday 13th March 2:30 – 6:00 pm

Bookings will be open from **Monday 4th March**.



Sports for Champions

Those children who were with us in 2019, may remember that we had a visit from pole-vaulter Molly Caudery. This was through the Sports for Champions programme in which the children undertook sponsored activities with Molly.

I am delighted that Molly, a Cornish girl, won Gold at the recent Indoor Athletics Championship and is looking towards a Gold at the Olympics in Paris. The money the children raised through sponsorship will have gone towards helping Molly aim high and reach her goal. We hope footballer, Bex Rayner, who visited us last year through Sports for Champions, will have similar success.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/athletics/68468412>



Safeguarding at Ashwater

The Safeguarding Team

Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs R Alford

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs Gee

Miss Frayn

Mrs R Cawsey—SENDCo

Attendance Officer:

Miss S Revers

Safeguarding Governor:

Mrs A Clark

Safeguarding

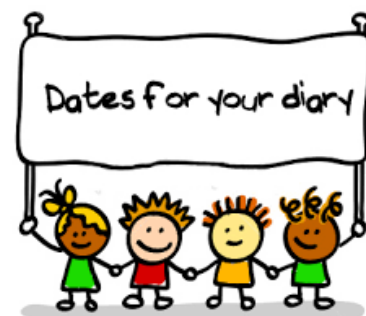
Remember if you have any issues regarding Safeguarding that you wish to raise, please email safeguarding@halwill.devon.sch.uk

These will come directly to a safeguarding lead.

Dates for your diary:

March

7th	World Book Day
8th	Class 2 assembly 9.10am
11th	KS1 Performing Arts Festival Y1 and 2 at HCC
13th	Parents Consultation 1.30pm-5.30pm
28th	End of term



April

15th	Start of term
18th	Yr 3/4 Swimming
17th, 18th, 19th	Bikeability for Year 5/6
25th	Yr 3/4 Swimming

May

2nd	Yr 3/4 Swimming
6th	Bank holiday
9th	Yr 3/4 Swimming
23rd	Yr 5/6 Swimming
27th to 31st	Half term

June

3rd	Non-pupil day
6th	Yr 5/6 Swimming
13th	Yr 5/6 Swimming
20th	Yr 5/6 Swimming
24th	Yr 5 & 6 Cricket Festival at HCC
27th	YR/1 and 2 Swimming

July

4th July	YR/1 and 2 Swimming
8th	Beach Festival Y3 and 4 at Bude
11th	YR/1 and 2 Swimming
18th	YR/1 and 2 Swimming
23rd	End of term

Term dates: <https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/halwill-primary-school/parents/term-dates/>

HOLSWORTHY '44

"Our Town at War" 26th - 28th July 2024

A commemoration of Holsworthy during WW2 to be held in Stanhope Park and Football Club

THE MILITARY ENCAMPMENT

There will be a military camp set up in the park consisting of several living history groups and re-enactors. From field hospital to SoE units. From the Free French to British and American troops. Plus, much more.

They will be accompanied by their vehicles and will be living exactly as if they were in action. You will be able to talk to them all and find out about the history of their units and the war time operations they represent. Such as 'Bulbasket' and 'Market Garden' etc. Tracked and halftracks and larger vehicles will be stationed in the football car park.

BLITZ SHELTER, RADAR ROOM & EVACUATION CENTRE

Sited in the football club will be the fascinating Radar Room, set up as it would have been during the war. A hands-on experience. The Blitz Shelter will be filled with sounds and smells of an air raid. Children can pretend to be evacuees in our evacuee centre, which is designed to be fun, but educational too. A minefield will provide the setting for UXB demonstrations.

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Holsworthy has a rich war history filled with tales of courage, humour and intrigue



Camp 42 PoW camp overlaid on Stanhope Park (courtesy of Holsworthy Museum)

BOXING MATCH AND 1940s DANCE

Friday 26th will see a boxing match between Devon and Cornwall to commemorate the Joe Louis fight that took place here. On Saturday evening there will be a 1940's dance in the Memorial Hall. The site of our event was in fact a Prisoner of War camp during WW2. Our history exhibition will cover this and other fascinating local facts.

OTHER KEY ATTRACTIONS

Military skirmish re-enactments (on Sunday); ENSA stage acts; vintage market and militia market; NAAFI; Donut Dollies; vintage fairground games; firepower demonstrations; hand-to-hand combat demonstrations from the Marines; a pipe and drum parade; a poster competition for the schools, etc ...

WHO WE ARE

We are a not-for-profit community group who all believe in creating a tableau of living history and education surrounding Holsworthy at war. Sharing the experiences and recollections of its people, via a weekend of military might, social history and a bit of fun too!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER

Please contact us if you would like to take part in this exciting event. Perhaps as a marshal; re-enactor/living history; educational or admin support.

FUNDING ENQUIRIES

Phone: 07866 402318

For vendor and participant forms, please request via email /messenger or through the website. Thankyou.



The Holsworthy Home Guard. Photo courtesy of Holsworthy Museum

Plan ahead



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Course Times

- Total of 5 days per week (Mon-Fri) for 6 weeks
- There are 2 lessons per day (9.30am – 11am) & (1pm – 2pm)
- Must have internet access and a laptop or tablet.

- **No prior experience necessary -**

Eligibility Criteria

- Must Be Aged 19+
- Must Claim Benefits (Universal Credit, JSA, ESA, PIP, Income Support, Housing Benefits or any type of Tax Credit including Child Tax Credit). If you live in Merseyside, you do not need to claim any benefits.
- You Can't be a student or an International Student
- You Must have lived in the UK for a Minimum of 3 Years (Except if you are from the Ukraine).

www.studysmartuk.online

Holiday Requests

Please see the following message which we have been asked to share with you by Devon County Council:

We believe that in order for a pupil to fully benefit from their education, good attendance is crucial.

As of September 2013, an amendment to the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006 came in to force and greater clarity was introduced to the issue of schools authorising absence requests. These changes reinforced the Government's view that every minute of every school day is vital and that pupils should only be granted authorised absences by the school in 'exceptional circumstances'.

A family holiday is not normally considered by the Government to be an 'exceptional circumstance' and therefore will not be authorised by the school.

Should you choose to take your child out of school without the authorisation of the school, then Parental Responsibility Measures could be instigated. This could mean receiving any of the following;

- *A Penalty Notice*
- *A summons to the Magistrate Court which could result in a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a term of imprisonment for up to 3 months.*

Schools are required to notify the Local Authority if a pupil has a number of unauthorised absences. Unauthorised absences can be acquired when;

- 1) Leave has been requested, but the circumstances are such that the school is unable to authorise the leave and it is taken anyway.*
- 2) Leave is not requested and/or the school has grounds to believe that the child has been taken out of school for an avoidable reason (example – a family holiday). Only the Head teacher can authorise an absence. This year there have been occasions when schools have been notified that the pupil is sick, but the school later discovers and reasonably believes that the reason given for the absence is not genuine.*
- 3) A child continually arrives late after the registration period has closed.*

Schools need to notify the Local Authority in all of the circumstances listed above.

Should a Penalty Notice be issued as a result of unauthorised absence then one notice will be issued to each parent/carer for each child involved. Currently, each Penalty Notice is for £120, which is reduced to £60 if paid within the first 21 days. If a Penalty Notice goes unpaid after 28 days, then court proceedings will be initiated.

We understand the disappointment that the refusal of a leave request may cause, but as you can appreciate this policy represents the school's responsibility and commitment towards providing your child's education and supporting their future life opportunities.

COULD YOUR CHILD BE ENTITLED TO A SUBSIDY TOWARDS THE COST OF RESIDENTIAL OR DAY TRIPS, SPORTING EVENTS, SCHOOL UNIFORM, EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, BREAKFAST CLUB, AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS AS WELL AS FREE SCHOOL MEALS IN KS2?

If you are in receipt of any of the following, your child could be entitled to a subsidy towards the cost of the above:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).
- Income Support (IS).
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA).
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA).
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income that does not exceed £16,190).

Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment you get for a further 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).

Please apply even if your child is in Foundation, Year 1 or Year 2 and receives a meal under the Universal Infant Free School Meals Scheme. As well as financially benefiting as described above, your child may receive additional learning support where appropriate because of the additional funding that school receives from Government for known free school meals pupils.

How to apply

Through the Citizen Portal (https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCCSCitizenPortal_live) which is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in you getting an instant decision.

Parents and carers can also ring the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.