



Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Dear Parents,

We had an incredibly busy week last week. Class 2 had a great time at the Tag Rugby festival and World Book Day was a huge success! The children looked fantastic in their costumes and their poetry reciting was excellent.



This week is another busy week as Thomas, Evie and Mason attended a Gifted and Talented sports event at Holsworthy Community College, Well done for being selected and aiming high and being resilient through the challenges.

Pre-School hours

We are now delighted to be extending our Pre-School hours after Easter, offering 3 full days:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday and Thursday morning. Please contact the office for booking and more information.

School Lunches



Thank you for booking lunches by Friday for the following week. This enables the kitchen to prepare accurately and avoid waste. If for any reason you are unable to book by the previous Friday, the absolute latest time which you can book is by midnight the previous day. All bookings must be done on SchoolMoney. Unfortunately, we will not be able to book a school lunch for you in the mornings as this could cause a shortage of food as it will be an unexpected order. In this case, please provide a packed lunch. Thank you for your support with this.

Year 6 SATs Club



All Year 6 pupils are invited to attend an after school SATs club. This will run on Mondays from 6th March – 24th April, inclusive. We encourage all Year 6 pupils to make the most of this opportunity. Permission letters have been sent home

World Maths Day

Today is World Maths Day. The children in Years 2 – 6 will take part in the world's largest on-line maths competition on the Mathletics platform. In addition it will be a day of fun Maths activities in school to inspire and challenge the children.



Parent Consultations, Tuesday 14th March 1:30 – 6:00 pm

We look forward to seeing you this afternoon. If you haven't booked in yet, please contact the office.

Tiny Travels – Easter Around the World, Friday 24th March Halwill Primary School

Following the success of the Tiny Travels, Black History Month opportunity for Class 1 children in the Autumn, we have decided to invite Tiny Travels back so children of all ages in the Federation can benefit from experiencing the original artefacts from different cultures and will develop their understanding of the world they live in. This time, the focus will be on how the Christian festival of Easter is celebrated around the world, which focuses on the Latin American continent experiences looking at the colourful Christian festivities in this region and other Christian countries in the world. We request a contribution of **£3.50** which is payable via School Money. If your child is entitled to Pupil Premium, the cost is covered by the school. Please drop children at **Halwill Primary school** for 9.15am and pick up and 3.15pm.

Easter Service, Wednesday 29th March, 9:15 am

As we have been unable to attend the Church at Christmas for the last 3 years due to circumstances out of our control, we have decided to have an Easter Service at the Church in Ashwater Village. All parents, carers, extended family and the wider community are most welcome to attend.

Please could we ask that all **parents drop children directly to the church at 9:00 am**. We will walk the children back to school afterwards.



Class 2 Assembly

This date has been changed to **Friday 31st March** at 9.15am.



me, you, us
safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

Supporting parents or carers to help their children use the internet safely

"I'm not a Police Officer, and most definitely not a Tech expert. In fact, I'm a bit like you, a parent who wants to make my child's use of the internet as safe as possible"
(Jon Galling, Senior Education Safeguarding Officer for Devon County Council and deliverer of this workshop)

The session is designed not to scare or intimidate, but to reflect and review what the dangers of the online or virtual world are and how, as parents and carers we can help our children navigate the challenges they will face.

The session will help those attending to:

- Understand the risks and some ways in which these can be managed
- Understand the benefits of technology including as support for mental health and wellbeing
- Know where to go to find practical support
- Consider how to support your child navigate their 'virtual world'

As you are aware, we have been working with the children on internet safety and sharing ideas with you in the newsletter. The internet is so useful but there are potential risks. We are very pleased to have organised a talk for parents from Jon Galling, the Senior Safeguarding Officer for DCC.

This would be ideal for parents, grandparents and anyone who looks after your child.

Jon has requested that children of any age, including babies and toddlers do not attend the session due to the potentially sensitive content.

Safeguarding at Ashwater

The Safeguarding Team

Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs R Alford

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs R Cawsey

Miss H Frayn

Attendance Officer:

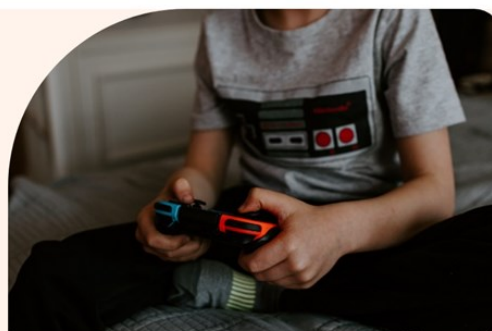
Miss S Revers

Safeguarding Governor:

Mrs A Clark

Advice for parents and carers

Games consoles



How to start a conversation with your child about gaming safely

Why do you want to get a games console?

Whilst deciding if it is time for your child to have their first games console can be a great opportunity to find out what your child expects to use it for. This could be for playing online, playing with siblings or friends, or for playing by themselves.

What do you like about your games console? What is your favourite game?

If your child already has a games console, you can ask them about their favourite things to play, you can ask them to teach you to play the game and explore the ways to report and block players or content whilst playing together.

Which game do you really want to play?

When talking about games your child wants to play, you can take a moment to discuss age ratings and what different content is available on different games. This can be a good opportunity to discuss your expectations around the games that your child can and can't play.

How do young people your age use their games console?

Learning about the way that young people are using devices and games can give you an insight into why your child may want a new game or console.

How can we as a family help you to manage the time you spend gaming? Can we do anything to help you use the games console more safely?

Finding out how your child wants to be supported whilst online is a great way to open up wider conversations around online safety and the issues young people may face whilst gaming. You can also look at establishing a [family agreement](#) to manage your families time online.

What would you do if something worrying or upsetting happened on your games console?

Tell your child what they should do if something goes wrong while using it. This could be to close the screen, report, block and tell an adult.

Top tips:



Talk with your child about responsible use of their games console

Discuss what is okay and not okay to use it for and look at the possible risks. Tell your child what they should do if something goes wrong while using it. This could be to turn off the screen and tell an adult.



Think about the location of the games console

Will it be in a shared family space or in a bedroom? Think about: setting time limits; reminding your child about the risks of communicating online with people that they do not know; and encouraging them to come to you with any worries.



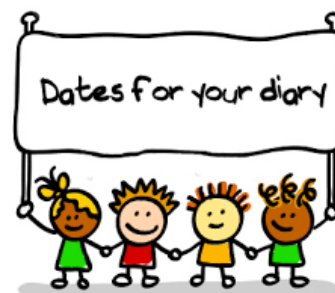
Explore parental controls

Take a look at the controls available both on the games console itself and on your home Wi-Fi. Talk these through with your child too. Parental controls are a helpful tool, but an open conversation with your child is the most important thing.

Dates for your diary:

March

8th	World Maths Day
14th	Parent Consultation 1.30pm—6pm
16th	Visual Screening for Reception 11am
24th	Tiny Travels Halwill Primary School
29th	Easter Service 9.15am
31st	Class 2 Assembly
31st	End of term



April

17th	Start of summer term
19th	Internet safety talk for parents 5pm Halwill Primary School

May

1st	Bank holiday
8th	Bank holiday
29th May to 2nd June	Half term

June

5th	Non-pupil day
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July

4th-6th	Y5/6 London Trip
21st	Last day of term



Please remember to order your School lunches via schoolmoney by Friday of each week. This helps us cater correctly. Thank you

Have you moved house? Changed your mobile number?

No longer have a landline?

Please ensure you keep us informed of all changes to your contact details. This can easily be done by using the SIMS parent app or email the office. Thank you

