



Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Dear Parents,

A huge thank you to the School Council for organising Comic Relief on Friday and to Miss Frayn and staff for helping with organization, sponge the teacher was very popular. It was a super day. We managed to raise **£45.05**. Well done everyone!

COMIC RELIEF



Pupil Absence Reporting

Thank you to the majority of parents who always inform us if their child is absent with a reason. A reminder that **parents must inform the school office via telephone or email by 9:00 am**. Please don't message via Class Dojo as these messages are not monitored by the office. We have an obligation to follow-up on unexplained absences as it could be that something has happened to the child or parent resulting in them being unable to come in. Thank you for your support with this.

Y6 SATs

It was pleasing to see a good number of parents and Y6 pupils at the SATs meeting.

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

Tempest Photography Class Photos-Thursday 23rd March

Tempest Photography will be visiting for class photos on Thursday 23rd March 9am. If your child does not attend Pre-School that day but you wish them to attend then please come in with them to have their photos taken.



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 **drive down to the school at Halwill Primary school for 9.15am and pick up and 3.15pm**. If you're child is Pre-School age, please buzz the gate at pick up time (12pm or 1pm)

Holsworthy College Visit—Wednesday 29th March 3pm-4pm

Julie Greener from Holsworthy College will be visiting on 29th March 3pm to chat with the Year 6 children and to meet with parents. Please do come along and ask any questions you may have.

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.

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.



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'

Class 2 Assembly Friday 31st March

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

Swimming Summer Term 2023

We are pleased to be able to offer swimming again in the summer. The children will be taken to and from Ruby Oak Park Swimming Pool by coach along with Halwill children of the same year groups. This will be on Thursday mornings as follows.



Year Groups	Dates
Y 3/4	20/04, 27/04, 04/05, 11/05
Y 5/6	18/05, 25/05, 08/06, 15/06
Y R/1/2	22/06, 29/06, 06/07, 20/07

To save time in assessing and grouping during the first session, Ruby Oak have requested some information. Please click the link to complete the Google form <https://forms.gle/vvjDYEvtDpb2AmE1A> and consent to sharing this information with Ruby Oak.



A towel and swimming costume should be sent in a swimming bag on the day. Goggles are optional and swimming caps are not required but long hair must be tied up. School fruit snack will be taken for YR/1/2, a healthy, nut-free, snack can also be sent in for other year groups. Please can parents of Y3/4 complete the Google form as soon as possible.

Children will need to be able to change independently so practising this at home and going through routines such as putting items back in their bags can really help. Please ensure everything, including underwear, is labelled.

Maths Workshop for Parents, Tuesday 2nd May, 4:30 pm at Halwill School



Our home-learning questionnaire, indicated that a number of parents would like a workshop to support them with the current methods of teaching Maths. We are very aware that if we were not in schools ourselves, we would find the methods completely alien to those we were taught.

Mrs Batstone, our Maths Lead, will be leading this session. Don't worry, there will be no tests! But hopefully you will come away with a clearer understanding of how to support your child. It is suitable for parents of children in any class in the Federation.



Dates for your diary:

March

23rd	Tempest Photography—Class photos
24th	Tiny Travels Halwill Primary School
27th	Y1/2 Performing Arts Holsworthy College 11.45am-2.45pm
29th	Easter Service 9.15am
29th	Holsworthy College visit Year 6 parents 3-4pm
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
2nd	Maths Workshop for parents 4.30pm Halwill Primary School
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



Safeguarding at Ashwater

The Safeguarding Team

Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs R Alford

Attendance Officer:

Miss S Revers

Safeguarding Governor:

Mrs A Clark

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs R Cawsey

Miss H Frayn

Social Media Guides

Is your child using Social Media?

Is your child using chat sites to talk to family and friends?

Is your child sharing selfies?

Do you need help with setting up parental controls?

If you answered yes to any of the above questions visit

[Internet Matters](#) and review their advice and guidance on:

Facebook Messenger Facetime Instagram Skype

TikTok Whatpad Whatsapp Youbo (and more!)



Remember if your child is gaming online, they may be chatting and communicating with other players or friends. [Internet Matters](#) has provided safety guides to help keep your child safe on:

[Steam](#) [Xbox live](#) [Twitch TV](#) [Roblox](#) [Minecraft](#) [PlayStation](#)

[Network](#) [Nintendo Network](#) – NB Nintendo's consoles are more family-friendly than most and therefore its chat functionality is a lot more geared to safe interaction for younger players.



Summerhouse Services

'Supporting Brighter Futures'



Safe Spaces For Young People's Mental Health

We are a small, Plymouth-based, holistic, not-for-profit organisation promoting mental health, resilience and free thinking for children, young people and those adults that inhabit their world. We provide a range of human-centred, outcome-led, orbital and unique training and support services.

We have in person and virtual offers for all services, for which we have a nationwide remit.

While we are only just over a 18 months old as an organisation, the work and unique approach we use has been in the making and continually shaped in response to need for over 20 years in the voluntary sector by Founder and Director Penny.

Our creative, engaging, enjoyable and supportive offers are easy access, friendly and professional and never use power point, even for our virtual training ! The focus instead is on lively interaction, enjoy as you learn and participation to own level of comfort.

ALL offers are generic and for EVERYONE and we never target audiences with specific issues, as our services are both preventative and supportive in nature and importantly, NONE of our offers are therapy or counselling, although ALL the spaces we create facilitate climates that are potentially, therapeutic, motivational and healing in nature.

We have had a fantastic reception since starting up in May 2021 and adults that come to our training use words such as 'game changing', 'ground breaking', 'new', 'pioneering', 'straightforward' and 'value for money' and young people generally find us 'helpful' 'validating', 'relaxing', 'interesting' and 'really fun' !

To find out more, please take a look around our website and if you would like a chat about any aspect of what we do or have any queries as to how we may help, please do not hesitate to get in touch....we always like a chat !

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ASHWATER SCHOOL EASTER CHURCH SERVICE



Join the school community for
an Easter Church Service
St Peter's Church, Ashwater
on Wednesday 29th March
at 09.15



with the Easter Hamper Raffle following the service
£1.00 per ticket

