



## *Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other*

Dear Parents,

A huge well done to Year 6, who aimed high and were resilient throughout their SATs last week. They remained calm and positive and did their very best, which is all we can ask of them. Very well done; we are extremely proud of them. Miss Frayn made cakes and Class 2 had a party on Friday afternoon to celebrate. Good luck to Year 2 who have their SATs this week.



Children had a super time meeting Bex Rayner, the England Under 23 footballer. Bex had a real 'Aim High', 'Be Resilient' attitude which she conveyed to the children through her journey through challenges to achieve her dreams. Thank you to all those who contributed with fundraising.



### Coronation Quiz

A big thank you to the PTFA and all involved with the coronation quiz, it was a brilliant success which raised an amazing £457.64. Well done.

**WELL DONE!**

## Maths Workshop for Parents

Mrs Batstone, our Maths Lead, led an excellent parent workshop. Parents who attended commented that they are now much clearer on the current methods and reasons behind them. If you were unable to attend, please see the following powerpoints on the Maths page of our website:

Maths Meeting Summer 2023:

<https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/Summer-2023-Parents-Maths-CPD.pdf>

Information Guide to Using Manipulatives:

<https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/Parents-manipulatives-Guide.pdf>

## Oxford Reading Buddy

This is proving to be a really useful tool in helping children develop their comprehension skills. Therefore, children should be accessing Reading Buddy at home, 2 or 3 times per week. This forms part of their 5 reads per week. Children should be doing the follow-up quizzes and using the interactive elements in the text, where they are asked questions. Even 15 minutes on Reading Buddy can make a difference to children's comprehension. Teachers are monitoring usage and will support children who are unable to access this so please speak to your child's teacher if you are unable to access Reading Buddy at home.

## School Lunches

Thank you to everyone who has booked this week's lunches over the weekend. It does make a considerable difference to the smooth operation when registering classes, in the office and in the kitchen.

Unfortunately, last week, a number of lunches had not been ordered in advance. Whilst we understand that the Bank Holiday threw parents out, it did cause a significant issue in school. Adding children's lunches at the last minute meant that there was insufficient food and consequently some children whose parents had pre-booked ended up with smaller portions as there wasn't enough food to go around. It's a bit like planning dinner at home for 4 people and then 6 arrive. As you can imagine, a stressful situation for those in the kitchen.

To ensure that children whose parents have pre-booked a school lunch don't have reduced portions, **we will only be able to offer a jacket potato option to anyone whose lunch is not pre-booked by midnight on the previous day.**

## Dietary Requirements

Devon Norse, our caterers, have asked that parents complete this 'Special Diet Form' if your child has a food allergy or intolerance. You can either download a copy of the form here:

<https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/halwill-primary-school/parents/school-dinner-menus/> or request a paper copy from the office. Please complete it and return it as soon as possible.

## Teaching Assistants

I am delighted to tell you that, despite the well reported financial pressures on schools, Governors have approved the Federation keeping our additional Teaching Assistant for another year. You will remember that we appointed an additional TA this year, Ella Dannan. We recognise that TAs offer much needed support to children so we are very pleased to be able to keep up a high level of TA support in the classrooms. Evanda Hill is also supporting with breakfast club and Class 1.

## 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.*



**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

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## Primary school research (autumn 2022)



- 23% of children say that they are **never asked what they do when they are online**.
- A **further 24%** say that they are rarely asked.
- 8% say that they **do not have a safe search filter** on their internet.
- 85% **do not know** if they have a safe search filter.
- 16% of children admit **to trying to look up something on the internet that they know they shouldn't**.
- 39% of these children said that they **found what they searched** for on the internet.
- 36% of children say they have **watched a live stream** on the internet.
- 43% of the children say that they **have their own mobile** phone.

## What do we mean by harmful content?



- › Extremist views including terrorism
- › Self-harm and suicide ideation apps and websites
- › On-line bullying
- › Discrimination including racist, homophobic and misogynistic behaviours (INCEL)
- › Acts of violence including sexual violence
- › Pornography
- › Age-inappropriate games
- › Gambling

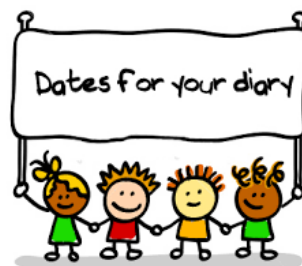
**Where and when do children come into contact with this?**

## Next steps:

- Get in the game – update your knowledge of what your child is doing
- Show an interest, ask questions from a point of interest, not fear
- Add the safety measures – put on the seatbelts
- **Talk, talk and talk some more – start a conversation!**



## *Dates for your diary:*



### May

9th to 12th	KS2 SAT's
11th	Swimming Years 3 & 4
18th	Swimming Years 3 & 4
22nd	Yr R, 1 & 2 trip to Newquay Zoo
25th	Swimming Years 5 & 6
29th May to 2nd June	Half term

### June

5th	Non-pupil day
8th	Swimming Years 5 & 6
15th	Swimming Years 5 & 6
22nd	Swimming Years 5 & 6
27th & 28th	HCC year 6 transition days
29th	Swimming Years R, 1 & 2

### July

4th to 6th	Class 4 London Trip
6th	Swimming Years R, 1 & 2
12th	Ashwater Sports Day 1.30pm
13th	Swimming Years R, 1 & 2
20th	Swimming Years R, 1 & 2
21st	Last day of term

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



# Why choose school meals for your child?

- ✓ Supporting children's nutrition
- ✓ Tasty and varied menus
- ✓ More convenient than a packed lunch
- ✓ Fuel children for learning
- ✓ Cater for dietary requirements
- ✓ They are completely free\*

\*if you are eligible for free school meals or your child is in KS1

[catering@swnorse.co.uk](mailto:catering@swnorse.co.uk)



## MYTH BUSTING SCHOOL MEALS

SOUTH WEST  
Norse

### "My child is a fussy eater"

Our menu offer variety and choice to suit all tastes. In our experience, children are more likely to try new foods when they have regular school meals in a social setting.

### "I cook a meal in the evening"

We fully understand that some families eat a hot meal together in an evening so we have developed our own cold lunch options and jacket potatoes menu to help support this.

### "I love my school lunches!"

"I like the different flavours and how tasty it looks on the plate!"

School Council Feedback

### "They're not healthy"

Our menu consist of well-balanced dishes that adhere to the school food standards. Real fruit is used in over 50% of our dessert recipes; **we have reduced sugar content by 25%** and wholemeal flour is used in all of our bread and pastry recipes!

### "My child has a food allergy"

We have developed 'allergen aware' menus for children with medically-defined food allergies. Registration forms can be found on our website.

Did you know, **on average less than 2% of packed lunches** from home meet all of the school food standards?

Source: The Independent School Food Plan

[catering@swnorse.co.uk](mailto:catering@swnorse.co.uk)





# Defibrillator Awareness Session

Venue  
Halwill Parish Hall

Date: Thursday 18th May 7pm.

## Contact

D Osborne

07809 688 725



**Free attendance**  
**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**



# ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT CENTRE GIRLS OPEN TRIALS



SCAN ME

**U10 | U11 | U12**

Thursday 10th August  
Launceston College 3G  
PL15 9HH



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# Bude Lifeboat Run Junior

Lifeboats



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**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

**6:00pm Start for Sch Yrs 3&under**

**6:30pm Start for Sch Yrs 4&above**

*This is the 14<sup>th</sup> running of this 1mile race around Bude's  
cycleways and canal towpath*

*Includes Senior 6 Mile Race at 7:15pm  
Race 6 of the Cornish Multi Terrain Race Series*



Online entry at [www.buderats.co.uk/budelifebboatrun](http://www.buderats.co.uk/budelifebboatrun)

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