

THE CAREY FEDERATION



Halwill Primary School
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Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Dear Parents,

We have a busy week for staff as a number are involved in First Aid training. I am also on a two day course on Wednesday and Thursday. Any urgent matters will be handled by Miss Miners or Mrs Rothery. I will follow up any non-urgent matters when I return.

Home-Learning

A huge thanks to the many parents who have now contributed to the survey. In total we had 48 responses which, if we count siblings, totals 60 pupils across the Federation.

Around a third of parents felt the on-going tasks helped children with their learning, around another third were unsure and a further third felt it had not helped. It is very important for us to be reflective of your views and whilst we still want Home-Learning to focus on fundamental skills, we feel that the children need something else in addition that will be exciting, engaging and allow parents to see and support their progress, whilst not being onerous on your home-life balance or on teachers' work-life balance.

Therefore we are in the process of purchasing Mathletics for all the children (though Reception and Y1 will have a slightly different version adapted for their age.) Mathletics is an online platform of maths activities aligned with the National Curriculum. Teachers will set weekly tasks that the children need to complete and there will also be lots of other challenges children can access to extend themselves. Mathletics has videos and pictorial representations of the methods used in school so both you and your child will have a clear understanding of the method. It can be accessed on a phone, tablet or laptop. Mathletics can also be used by teachers in school as part of children's lessons. Here is a video which shows you more about Mathletics: <https://youtu.be/MKh20DOLzNg>

For children in Years 3 - 6 and those in Year 2 who have completed the Read, Write Inc. programme, we are purchasing Oxford Reading Buddy. It is an on-line reading platform which will help children's reading and comprehension in a fun and motivating way. Here is a video about Oxford Reading Buddy: <https://youtu.be/hr9wirOTVlw>

We hope these two platforms will be up and running in the next couple of weeks. In the meantime, teachers will set spellings for Year 1 upwards, times tables / numbers activity and children need to read 5 x per week. Once the platforms are place, weekly home-learning will look like this:

YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Reading 5 times a week	Reading 5 times a week	Reading 5 times a week	Reading 5 times a week	Reading 5 times a week	Reading 5 times a week	Reading 5 times a week
Mathletics	Mathletics	Mathletics	Mathletics	Mathletics	Mathletics	Mathletics
		Times Tables 3 x per week	Times Tables 3 x per week	Times Tables 3 x per week	Times Tables 3 x per week	Times Tables 3 x per week
	Spelling—Common exception list 3 x per week	Spelling—Statutory word list 3 x per week	Spelling—Statutory word list 3 x per week	Spelling—Statutory word list 3 x per week	Spelling—Statutory word list 3 x per week	Spelling—Statutory word list 3 x per week
		Oxford Reading Buddy for those who have completed RWI	Oxford Reading Buddy	Oxford Reading Buddy	Oxford Reading Buddy	Oxford Reading Buddy
						Mathematics or Reading booklet provided by school. Specific pages to be completed each week at home. Self-marked and edited using mark schemes provided.

56% of parents said their children found the project enjoyable. When we asked, the children, they said they really enjoyed it. The overarching theme in the written feedback was that the project needed more clarity and structure. Therefore, we will take this term to review the project and how it can be set with more guidance and scaffolding in the future, so there will not be a project set this term.

Thank you again for your feedback. I hope you and your children find the new platforms enjoyable and stimulating.

Class Pages on the Website

These have now been updated:

<https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/halwill-primary-school/children/class-pages/>

Class Assemblies

As Class Assemblies were so successful last year, we have decided to repeat them. Parents and carers are invite to come and watch these:

Class 1: Friday 24th February 2:45 pm

Class 2: Friday 3rd March 2.45pm

Class 3: TBC

Class 4: Friday 3rd February 9:15 am

New Reception Starters September 2023

If your child was born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019 they are due to start primary school in September! Applications close on 15 January, so visit DCC's website before then <http://soc.devon.cc/5JV3d> If you can't apply online, please call 0345 155 1019

We are a small school which means places are limited so please ensure applications are made in time and that Halwill is put as first choice, to avoid disappointment. If you or someone you know would like a tour of the school, please contact the office and we will be happy to arrange this.



Wild Tribe

Class 1 & 2 will have Wild Tribe on Tuesdays for the first half of the Spring Term. On Wild Tribe days, please can children bring in waterproofs to wear over school clothes and wellington boots. If they don't have water-proofs then some other long clothing to cover arms and legs (not jeans) should be sent in. Long hair should be tied up. During Wild Tribe sessions, children may be given hot chocolate and marshmallows. If you would like to see the ingredient list, please speak to the Office and please let us know if your child **CANNOT** have these.

Clubs

Please see the clubs for this half term and next, on our website:

<https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/halwill-primary-school/about-us/before-after-school-clubs/>

Mr Hayler's final club session last term was cancelled due to the weather. This will be credited to your fee this half term.

Mrs R. Alford

Executive Headteacher



HALWIL COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

JOB VACANCY

KITCHEN MANAGER

Monday to Friday

08.30am – 1.30pm

(25 hours/week, term time only)

£10.15 an hour

£900.60/month

(Paid 12 months a year)

Duties to include:

Food preparation/serving meals to children/Stock Taking and Purchasing/ Weekly Paperwork recording via a tablet/Staff training.

Washing up dishes/General Kitchen duties/Manual Handling.

Full training given & uniform provided

A Southwest Norse DBS check will be carried out for this role

For more details please contact
jane.shreeve@norsegroup.co.uk
(please state 'Halwill KM' in subject)
also posted on Indeed



Dates for your diary:

February

3rd Class 4 assembly 9.15am

13th to 17th Half term

24th Class 1 assembly 2.45pm

March

3rd Class 2 assembly 2.45pm

31st End of term

April

17th Start of summer term

May

1st Bank holiday

8th Bank holiday

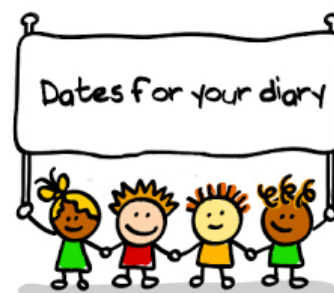
29th May to 2nd June Half term

June

5th Non-pupil day

July

21st Last day of term



Safeguarding at Halwill

The Safeguarding Team

Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs R Alford

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs A Rothery

Miss J Miners

Mrs R Cawsey—SENDCo

Attendance Officer:

Miss S Revers

Safeguarding Governor:

Mrs G Marshall

Here is latest On-line Safety Newsletter: <https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/Online-Safety-Newsletter-Dec-2022.pdf>

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



Was your child born between
1st September 2018 and
31st August 2019?

How to Apply for a Primary School Place in Devon

You can apply online at

www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline

from 15th November 2022 to the 15th January 2023

If you cannot access the school
admissions website you can get
more information by calling our
Education Helpline on

0345 155 1019

or email: admissions@devon.gov.uk



Even if you have already given
details to a primary school, you
must apply for a place through the
Admissions Team. This is the only
way to apply; other forms or lists
held by schools will not count.

Devon
County Council 