



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

Dear Parents,

### Year 5/6 Trip to London



Thank you to parents who have replied to the initial letter to gauge interest in a joint Federation and Shebbear Primary trip to London in July. I am pleased to say that the response has been very positive and therefore we hope the trip will be viable.

If you have not replied, please do send the form in as soon as possible, even if you don't wish your child to attend. It's really important that we have firm numbers so we can finalise the plans. If any parents did not receive the letter, please contact the office for copy. A reminder that children entitled to Pupil Premium will have a reduced price.

If you are still to make up your mind and would like to discuss this further, please contact the office and we will be happy to talk to you.

When we have firm numbers we can finalise the plans and will then send out permission forms. The payment installments will then be put on SchoolMoney.

### Industrial Action

I am sure you will have heard that one of the teachers' unions, the NEU have voted for strike action. Although other unions, NASUWT and the NAHT did not reach the threshold of replies for strike action.

The first planned date of nationwide strikes is 1st February. However as this was announced yesterday, I do not yet know if there will be any strike action at our school but I will inform you as soon as possible as to whether this will affect us.

### Special menu Tuesday 24th January

To celebrate the Chinese New Year there is a change to the menu on Tuesday 24th January. Please see further in the newsletter for details. All previous orders for this day have been cleared and you will need to re-order for this day via SchoolMoney.



### Home-Learning

Further to my message last week regarding Home-Learning, we hope to have Mathletics and Oxford Reading Buddy in place in the next few weeks. Thank you for your patience with this, it takes a little time to set up new systems. 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 in 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.

### Class Pages on the Website

These have now been updated:

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

Just to let you know, the format of medium term planning is under review which is why teachers haven't updated these on the website for the Spring Term.

### Early Pick-ups

A reminder that children may only be collected early from school if they have a medical appointment, for which you will need to complete an S2 form.

### Class Assemblies

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

Class 1: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2:45 pm

Class 2: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2.45pm

Class 3: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2.45pm

Class 4: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 9:15 am

Mrs R Alford, Executive Headteacher.

## The Carey Qualities

### **Relationships by being Resilient, Resourceful, Reflective and Respectful**

Each Thursday children are awarded certificates in our Celebration Assembly for making a significant effort to develop one of our Carey Qualities. Last week the following children were awarded certificates. Well done to them all.



For building <b>Relationships</b>	For being <b>Resilient</b>	For being <b>Resourceful</b>	For being <b>Reflective</b>	For being <b>Respectful</b>
Class 3—Oscar Class 4—Harry Class 4—Millie Class 4—Archie	Class 3—Freya Class 3—Albie Class 3—Gabe Class 4—Isla	Class 2—Evelyn Class 4—Jovann Class 4—Toby	Class 1—Thomas	

## International LEGO® Brick Art on display at the Burton in January 2023.

Exhibition dates: 21 January – 18 March, 2023

The Brick by Brick exhibition gathers the work of 18 artists, designers and photographers from around the world who use LEGO® bricks as their medium or inspiration. Using this simple plastic construction block as their starting point, they have created stunning, thought provoking and often humorous artworks which will appeal to art enthusiasts and LEGO® fans alike.



Inspired by the wide range of artworks on show, a LEGO® graffiti wall, build tables and a selection of LEGO® related games and workshops will give visitors the opportunity to try their hand at creating their own construction brick artwork.

Participating artists are: The Little Artists, David Hughes, David Turner, Jason Freeny, Ekow Nimako, Janet Curley Cannon, Hannah Gibson, Cole Blaq, Little Big Art, Zino, Eat My Bricks, Samsofy, Michael Brennand-Wood, James Paterson, Valentino Fialdini, Agabag, AME 72 and Jonathan Rolph.

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# Safeguarding at Halwill

## The Safeguarding Team

### Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs R Alford

### Attendance Officer:

Miss S Revers

### Safeguarding Governor:

Mrs G Marshall

### Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs A Rothery

Miss J Miners

Mrs R Cawsey—SENDCo

## Minecraft

*Check the age ratings: Minecraft is rated by PEGI as 7+ or 12+ depending on which game version you are playing. The App store rates it as 9+ and the Google Play store rates it as 10+.*

It is important to remember that when rating games, PEGI do not take into consideration the communication features of a game. Minecraft does include a chat facility, which adds further risks of seeing inappropriate language/content. This can be switched off.

Minecraft remains ever popular and can be a great learning tool that is often used in schools to teach planning skills, recreate famous buildings in 3D and coding. Players use building blocks (a bit like Lego) to create their own worlds.

### Which mode?

You can choose between Creative or Survival mode - creative mode removes the survival elements of the game (no mobs appearing at night) so may be a more appropriate mode for your child to play.

### What else do I need to be aware of?

- **Multiplayer** – children can interact with others (including strangers), you can switch this option off within settings or choose to play offline.
- **Block and report players** – if your child is playing with others, make sure they know how to block and report players within the game.
- **Additional purchases** – be aware of in app purchases and the purchase of additional items (skin packs) to support (although not needed) game play.

In addition, protect your child's privacy by using a nickname (don't include their age/birth year) rather than their real name for their profile and chat to your child to make sure that when playing online they know not to share personal information.



**Also, make sure they know they can talk to you or a trusted adult if anybody or anything is making them feel uncomfortable.**

Do not forget to make sure you have set up appropriate parental controls on the device your child is using to play Minecraft as well.

*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  
10th Class 3 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



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



# Special menu on Tuesday 24th January.

Please order on SchoolMoney

(All previous orders on this day will have been cancelled.)

Thank you



## Menu

**Chinese Style Chicken & Rice**

or

**Vegetable Noodle Wrap**

**& Rice**

served with

**Stir Fry Vegetables & Bean  
Shoots**

followed by

**Mandarin Jelly**

**& Ice Cream**

**Chilled Fruit Juice**



**SOUTH WEST  
horse**







## **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  
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(please state 'Halwill KM' in subject)  
also posted on Indeed

