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

Dear Parents,

Last week was another busy week of learning. Class 1 loved playing in their 'space station' and wrote about their mystery journey into space. In Science, Class 2 investigated which materials would be waterproof and suitable for Fraser Bear's space suit. They made predictions and could explain their thinking clearly. Class 3 enjoyed analysing the work of artist Anselm Kiefer and produced their own sketches in this style using different sketching techniques. Class 4 used their understanding of structures to make Ancient Greek clay pots. This enabled them to think about how we know about life in Ancient Athens from the pottery evidence that remains.

In assembly, the children learnt about Robert Burns and how Burns Night is celebrated in Scotland. They were very interested in learning that potatoes are called 'tatties' in Scotland and children were able to compare this with the Devonshire 'teddies' for potatoes. As part of the assembly, we looked at Scotland on the map of the UK. I was very impressed, particularly with Class 2 and Class 4, who have been learning about the countries in the UK as they were able to identify them and find Devon and Cornwall on the map.

<u>Adventure Playground</u>

I am very pleased to tell you that the adventure playground, which has been out of action for some time, is now ready for use. Many thanks to Andy Moakes, Health and Safety Lead, for his efforts in organising this, as significant work has been needed to ensure it meets safety requirements. Thanks also to the Governors for approving the spend on the works, as the equipment does help children's co-ordination and physical development, as well as learning to take turns and help each other.

Unfortunately, the field is still too muddy for the children to safely use the equipment yet, but when it is dry enough a rota will be in place so the children can make use of the adventure playground again.

Reading Meeting for Parents

If you attended the Read, Write Inc. meeting, we would love your feedback by completing this form: https://forms.gle/Z1KhPyxjdT2RAfA19

If you weren't able to attend, please also complete the form to suggest a more suitable time and we will try to repeat the meeting.

For parents of Years 3 to 6, please join us for a virtual meeting on **Wednesday 16th February at 4:30 pm** to learn about **Reading in Key Stage 2**, what we do in school and how to help your children at home. A zoom link will be shared on Class Dojo, nearer the time.

Helmets for Cycles and Scooters

A reminder that children who cycle or scoot to school **must wear a helmet.** They should also ride the correct way around the turning circle. Thank you for your support with this.

Quick Sticks

Next Monday, 7th February, Wes Pugh of Holsworthy College, will be in to deliver a Quick Sticks hockey session with Class 4.

Mrs Ruh Alford

Executive Headteacher

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

Want to talk to your child about on-line safety? Click here for more information:

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/

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 **Relationships**	For being **Resilient**	For being **Resourceful**	For being **Reflective**	For being **Respectful**
	Thorin—class 1 Olly—class 1 Charles—class 4	Joshua C—class 2 Georgina—class 3 Will G—class 4	Jack—class 2 Emily—class 3	Izzy—class 4

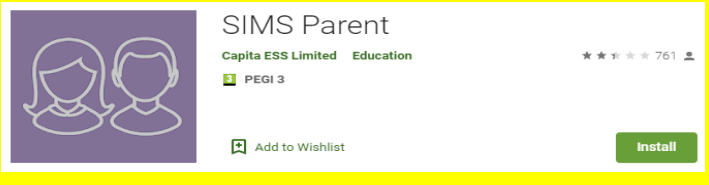
Dates for your diary:

February	
16th	*Reading meeting for parents of children in year 3 & above. 4.30pm.*
21st to 25th	*Half term*
March	
28th	*Tempest Class photos*
April	
8th	*End of spring term*
25th	*Start of summer term*
May	
2nd	*Bank holiday*
30th May to 3rd June	*Half term*
July	
22nd	*End of summer term*
September	
1st	*Inset day*
2nd	*Inset day*
5th	*Pupils return to school*

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

SIMS Parent

If you have not signed on to SIMS Parent, please do take a look. It is your way of ensuring we hold your most up to date contact information as well as your parental consent for day to day things in school



If you have not received your email invitation or are having issues, please email the office.

Lets meet to plan how Halwill will celebrate

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE 2022

Bank Holiday Weekend

June

2nd – 5th

First Planning meeting

2nd Feb

7:30pm

The Junction Inn

Please come along and share your ideas, to represent your local group or simply as an individual

We need people from all around Halwill to help make an event for the whole community

Contact hspower@hotmail.com or just come along on 2nd Feb

RESTORE RELATIONSHIPS

a very different programme of support, for individuals and families in Devon

If your answer to any of the above is YES, this programme could be for you!

What is RESTORE RELATIONSHIPS?

A 12-session programme aimed at connecting men across our community

- Explores and helps low mood
- Improves communication
- Supports you to discover more about yourself
- Reveals how thinking and behaviour are linked

All within a safe space, with other men, who may be experiencing similar doubts, confusion, or difficulties, with themselves and/or in wider relationships (You even have a right laugh!)

If you're interested in knowing more, please call/text 07436 357593 or email tania.bell@splitz.org

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