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Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Dear Parents,

We were very pleased to have had Mr Pugh from Holsworthy College in school today to do a Quicksticks session with Class 4. This complements the hockey lessons they have been having in PE. We are hoping to be able to participate in outdoor sports events again soon and a Quicksticks tournament is in discussion.

In assembly last week, the children learnt about Chinese New Year. We shared a video made by my friend Yamie Boakes, in it, she explained how she celebrates and the importance the festival to her. We followed up by comparing similarities and differences between Chinese New Year and festivals from other cultures and faiths. One similarity is the importance of light in the Chinese Lanterns, Christmas lights, Divas and fireworks at Diwali and the Menorah candle at the Jewish Hanukkah.

'On-line Safety Day' on Tuesday 8th February

The internet is part of our lives and offers many benefits to adults and children but it is important for children to know how to be safe on-line. Teachers will be doing activities with the children to help reinforce the on-going message of being aware of on-line dangers. One of the themes this year is #PlayYourPart in making the internet safer by positing only kind comments, 'Being Respectful' and reporting concerns. Further information for parents can be found in the 'Safeguarding' section of the newsletter.

Children's Mental Health Week 2022

It is also Children's Mental Health Week and the theme is 'Growth Stories' which links well to our motto of 'Be Resilient' and 'Take Care of Each Other'. We will talk to children at an age-appropriate level, about overcoming challenges by asking for help because in order to 'be resilient', sometimes you need someone to 'take care of you' as well as finding ways to take care of yourself. For more information see: https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers/

KS2 Reading Meeting for Parents Wednesday 16th February at 4:45 pm

Please note the slightly later than advertised time of 4:45 pm for the meeting of parents of Years 3 to 6. Please join us for a virtual meeting 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.

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. Thank you to those who have already completed this but we would like as many parents as possible to respond so we can reflect on your feedback.

Year 6 SATs Meeting for Parents Tuesday 8th March at 5:00 pm

SATs are due to take place this year after two years without them due to the pandemic. We will be holding a virtual meeting to help you understand the process, what we do in school to support the children and what you can do at home. Zoom details will be shared on Class Dojo nearer the time.

Staff News

Sadly, Claire Baker, the cook has decided to take a job nearer to home and will be leaving us at half term. Claire's cooking will be greatly missed by the children and staff and her excellent support to parents of children with dietary requirements is second to none. Claire will be missed and we wish her every success in the future.

We are looking for an excellent cook who will match the care given to the children, that we have come to expect. Our catering services are provided by Devon Norse and they are advertising the position. If you or someone you know has catering experience and would like to work at Halwill School, which is a warm and friendly workplace, with an 'Aim High' ethos, please consider applying. If they would like to speak to me about the role, please contact me via the office.

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JOB VACANCY
at
HALWILL PRIMARY SCHOOL
KITCHEN MANAGER
Monday to Friday
9.00am—2.00pm
(Timings can be flexible, 25 hours/week, term time only)
£872.20 /month
(paid 12 months a year)

Duties to include:
Preparing and Cooking school lunches for Children at Halwill and Ashwater.
Responsibility for Food Safety, Health and Safety, Allergens and COSHH with full company support, Paperwork and Staff Training.

Full training given & uniform provided
DBS check required

For more details, please contact
Barbara.sherrell@ncsgrp.co.uk
07899658637
(also posted on www.indeed.co.uk)

Andy Moakes, will also sadly be leaving us in his capacity as caretaker / cleaner as he is taking on another role within Devon Norse, although he plans to remain with the Federation in his capacity as Health and Safety Lead. Andy has also been a wonderful caretaker demonstrating the highest 'Aim High attitude. We will be shortly advertising for this role. Again, if you or someone you know may be interested, please do get in touch and I will be happy to speak to them. We are sorry that Andy is moving on but we wish him every success in the future.

Wild Tribe

Class 4 will be doing Wild Tribe on Tuesday afternoons after half term. Please can children bring in waterproofs to wear over school clothes and wellington boots. If they don't have waterproofs then some other long clothing to cover arms and legs (not jeans) should be sent in. Long hair will need to be tied up.

Other classes will be doing PE on Tuesday afternoons.

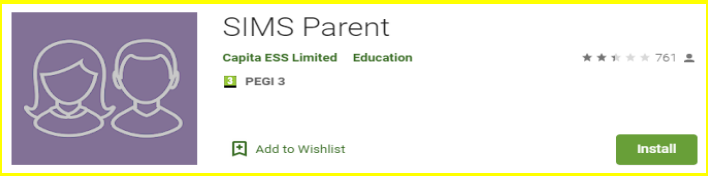
Wishing you all a positive week ahead.

Mrs Ruh Alford

Executive Headteacher

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.

Please remember to order your School lunches via schoolmoney by Friday of each week.

This helps us cater correctly.

Thank you

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

Here are some tips to help you and your child #PlayYourPart in keeping safe on-line.
https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2022/top-tips-for-under-11s

Conversation starters

Safer Internet Day 2022 is a fantastic opportunity to have a conversation with your child about life online, and especially this year's theme, **'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online.'**

Use the questions below to help start discussions about how we can all use the internet safely, respectfully, responsibly, and positively when gaming and spending time online.

Start the conversation on a positive note:

- What do you like most about the internet and why?
- How do you have fun using the internet and technology?
- What's your favourite game, app or website?
- How does going online make you feel?
- How does the internet and technology make your life better?
- Do you most enjoy going online alone, or with other people?

Talk about relationships and communicating online:

- Who do you communicate with online? What different methods do you use to communicate online? (E.g. in-game chat, video calls, group chats, etc.)
- What is good about communicating online?
- What can be challenging about communicating online?
- What is different about talking to someone online compared to talking face to face?
- How much can you trust people you only know online?
- What do you and your friends do to keep yourselves safe and happy, when you are chatting and communicating online?

Talk about respect online:

- What does respect mean to you? What does it look like online?
- What does disrespect look like online?
- What makes a good friend online?
- What can you do if you fall out with a friend online?
- Do people disagree more online or offline? Why do you think that is?
- What could you do if someone you were talking to online was unkind to you, or made you feel worried, upset, or uncomfortable?

Talk about looking after yourself and others online:

- How do you stay safe online? What tips do you have and where did you learn them?
- Do you know where to go for help and where to find the safety tools on your favourite apps and games?
- What could you do if being online is making you feel worse rather than better?
- What could you do if you saw that a friend online needed some help or support?

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**
Jake—class 1 Lily—class 4 Freddie—class 2	Belle—class 1 Megan—class 2	Bronwen—class 3	Kitty—class 4 Isla—class 4	Albie—class 3 Caleb—class 3

Dates for your diary:

February	
16th	*Reading meeting for parents of children in year 3 & above.* ***4.45pm.***
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*

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.

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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