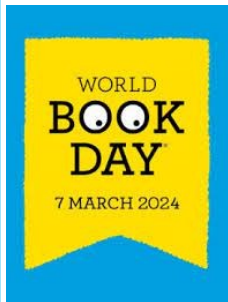




Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Dear Parents,

World Book Day - Thursday 7th March!



We are very excited about World Book Day because we LOVE reading!

We will have a school theme for the whole week this year, where we will explore the traditional tale of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. All classes will use this tale for their English learning but all classes will approach this well-known tale in different ways. We will start and end the week with a whole school assembly where we will share our learning and work.

On Thursday, we invite children and staff to come to school dressed up as a character from a book. To celebrate reading further, we would like to invite grandparents in to listen to children read, read to children and generally celebrate books with the children. (Dress up optional for grandparents too!) It would be wonderful if you could join us from 2:30pm. There will be a whole school story at the end of the day for you to enjoy with the children too.



Many thanks, Alix Rothery

Class Assemblies

Well done to Class 4 for a superb assembly last week demonstrating not just what they learn but how they learn too. The children were very confident, resilient and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Please see the back of the newsletter for the dates and times of the assemblies.



Parent Consultation



This is an important opportunity to meet your child's teacher to discuss their academic progress as well as their social and emotional development. The majority of the meetings will be in person but you may request a virtual meeting if you prefer. Separated parents are also able to request a meeting. If you are unable to meet on the day, please request an alternative day and the teachers will do their best to accommodate this.

Tuesday 26th March 1:45 – 6:00 pm. Bookings will be open from **Monday 4th March**.

Recorder Lessons

I am pleased to tell you Mrs Ruth Hayes is teaching recorder lessons to Class 4 for the remainder of the term. Children need to bring in the recorders they purchased last year on Wednesdays. Next term, Class 3 will have recorder lessons.



Class 3

Unfortunately, Mrs Rothery is unwell and won't be in this week. Mrs Mathews is teaching the class on Monday and Friday and Mrs Louise McKee, a supply teacher, is taking the class on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. If any issues arise during the week, please direct them to me via the office.

SAVE THE DATE - DIY Easter Decoration



Based on the idea of Christmas Wreath making, the Friends of Halwill School, together with Jane Wonnacott will be hosting a 'DIY Easter Decoration' event on **Friday 22nd March from 5:30 – 7:00pm** at Halwill School.

Participants will be guided to make their own Easter table decoration. All materials will be provided as well as teas/coffees and Easter treats.

This event is open to everyone, you don't have to have a child at Halwill School to attend.

There will be a charge of £10 for adults and £5 for children from Year 3 and above.

Children will need to be accompanied. This event is not suitable for children under Year 3.

The Friends will shortly be advertising this event with details of how to book. Places are limited so please do book quickly once booking opens.

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
Class 2—Ada Class 4—Hadley	Class 2—Chloe Class 3—Ellie	Class 3—Niamh Class 4—Oskar	Class 1—Alfred Class 2—Reggie Class 3—Nicholas Class 4—George	Class 1—Lottie

Class Assemblies

We are pleased to invite parents and carers to watch your child share their learning with you in their Class Assembly. Here are the dates and times:

Friday 1st March—Class 1 Halwill 2.45pm

Friday 8th March—Class 2 Halwill 2.45pm

Friday 22nd March—Class 3 Halwill 2.45pm



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 A Clark

Safeguarding

Remember if you have any issues regarding Safeguarding that you wish to raise, please email safeguarding@halwill.devon.sch.uk

These will come directly to a safeguarding lead.



**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. Thank you



Dates for your diary:

March

1st	Class 1 assembly 2.45pm
7th	World Book Day
8th	Class 2 assembly 2.45pm
11th	KS1 Performing Arts Festival Y1 and 2 at HCC
22nd	Class 3 assembly 2.45pm
25th	Tempest Class photos
26th	Parent consultations 1.45-6.00pm
28th	End of term

April

15th	Start of term
18th	Swimming years 3 & 4
w/c 22nd	Bikeability for Year 5
25th	Swimming years 3 & 4

May

2nd	Swimming years 3 & 4
6th	Bank holiday
9th	Swimming years 3 & 4
23rd	Swimming years 5 & 6
27th to 31st	Half term



June

3rd	Non-pupil day
6th	Swimming years 5 & 6
13th	Swimming years 5 & 6
20th	Swimming years 5 & 6
24th	Yr 5 & 6 Cricket Festival at HCC
27th	Swimming years R, 1 & 2

July

4th	Swimming years R, 1 & 2
8th	Beach Festival Y3 and 4 at Bude
11th	Swimming years R, 1 & 2
18th	Swimming years R, 1 & 2
23rd	End of term

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

Friends of Halwill Primary School

“The Friends of Halwill school” are parents who work together to help enrich the experiences of school, for example supplying craft and snacks at the Christmas Party! We are always looking for help and support, whether it's offering ideas, help at events etc we would love to have you on board.

Other ways to support Friends is to sign up to easy fundraising, your shopping online can mean a donation to the school.

Or buying name labels from My Nametags, by using the school ID 28989 the school can get a donation from the sale and school uniform is more likely to get reunited with its owner!

We also have Facebook pages for Friends “Friends of Halwill Primary School” and “Halwill Primary School's 2nd hand uniform” where for a small donation you can find some good quality used uniform.

Thank you
Friends of Halwill Primary School

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/assets/blt2159bb3d91e9d580/easyfundraising-poster-a4.pdf>

<https://www.mynametags.com/>



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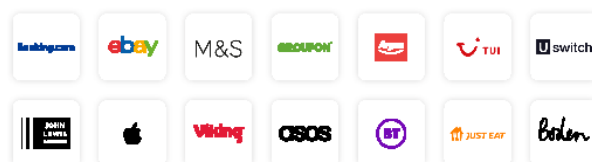
Friends of Halwill Primary School

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You shop, brands donate to us.
It won't cost you any extra!

How to sign up

- 1 Visit the link below or scan the QR code
www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause
- 2 Search for us
- 3 Your favourite brands donate whenever you spend with them



Download the
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Excellent 3,945 reviews on Trustpilot

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



STOP
THANKS FOR REMEMBERING
THIS IS A

**PEANUT/NUT FREE
SCHOOL**

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.

COULD YOUR CHILD BE ENTITLED TO A SUBSIDY TOWARDS THE COST OF RESIDENTIAL OR DAY TRIPS, SPORTING EVENTS, SCHOOL UNIFORM, EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, BREAKFAST CLUB, AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS AS WELL AS FREE SCHOOL MEALS IN KS2?

If you are in receipt of any of the following, your child could be entitled to a subsidy towards the cost of the above:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).
- Income Support (IS).
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA).
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA).
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income that does not exceed £16,190).

Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment you get for a further 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).

Please apply even if your child is in Foundation, Year 1 or Year 2 and receives a meal under the Universal Infant Free School Meals Scheme. As well as financially benefiting as described above, your child may receive additional learning support where appropriate because of the additional funding that school receives from Government for known free school meals pupils.

How to apply

Through the Citizen Portal (https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCCSCitizenPortal_live) which is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in you getting an instant decision.

Parents and carers can also ring the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

Sallywags Pre-School invites you...



Easter egg hunt

**Wednesday 27th
March**

**3.30pm-5pm
at Sallywags**

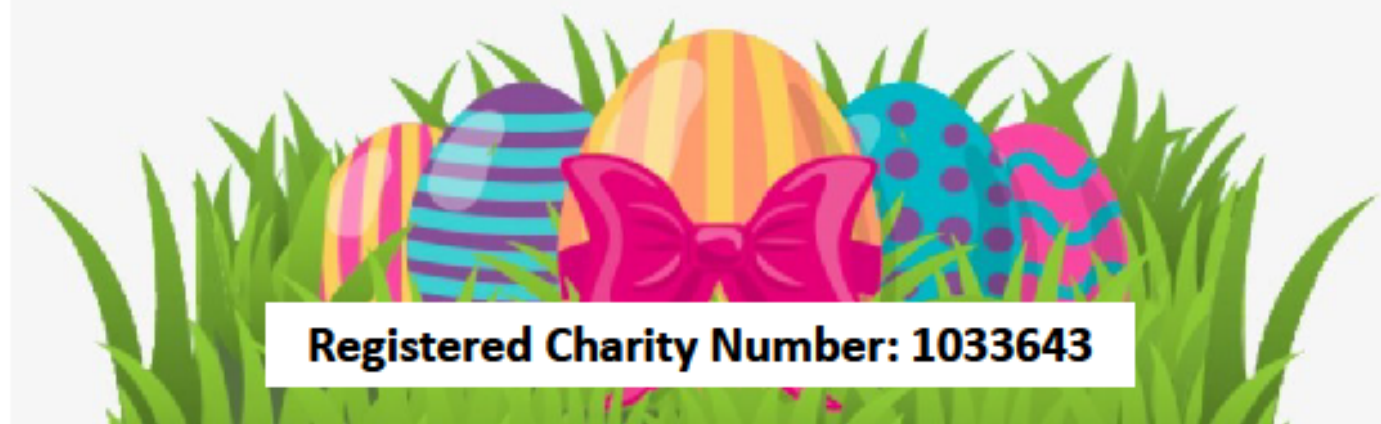


Open to all children from Early Years up to KS2
(school year 6)

£2 per child

Cakes, Bacon Baps & Refreshments

We will have the hall in the event of wet weather



Registered Charity Number: 1033643

Sallywags Pre School

Easter Draw



Monday 8th
April 2024

1st Prize - Luxury Hamper

2nd Prize - Cash Prize

3rd Prize - Easter Hamper



Tickets £1 each

Tickets are available from the Staff, Committee or
Parents of Sallywags or email

sallywagspreschool@outlook.com

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