



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

Dear Parents,

What a strange end we had to last half term, having to close for Storm Eunice. Thank you for your support with this and a huge well done to the children who moved seamlessly back to remote learning for the day. Having looked at the children's Class Dojo work, I was very impressed with how hard the children worked. Well done and thank you to the teachers who adapted rapidly, preparing paper copies of work and organising live lessons. I am also very grateful to the admin team for their support in making arrangements to close the schools; there was a lot of work to do but was done quickly and efficiently. There has been some roof damage to the back of Class 1 and we have had to close off the outdoor classroom until this can be rectified. Thank you to Andy Moakes, who, as ever, has ensured the school is safe for children and staff.

Thank you to Mrs Rothery and KS2 teachers for the Reading Meeting before half term. I hope you found it useful. The powerpoint has been shared on Class Dojo.

Good luck to Connie, Elizabeth, Ida-May and Liam who have been selected to attend a Gifted and Talented sports event next Monday.

I am delighted to welcome Michelle Peyton as the new Federation cook. Michelle is also a Halwill parent and has experience of cooking in a nursery setting so is very aware of meeting the needs of individual children. She has made a great start and children have thoroughly enjoyed the food so far.

Claire Baker was not able to say goodbye because of the storms so will be popping in today.

Class 1 have had a super Pancake Day and have been busy making pancakes. Two children have just taken my order and I am very much looking forward to having one later!

COVID Changes

On Sunday, you will have received my letter about Covid changes: <https://www.thecarey federation.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/Letter-COVID-Changes-27.02.22.pdf>

In essence, PHE advice is to still isolate if a person tests positive, although this is no longer a legal requirement. It is being viewed like the PHE advice to stay at home for 48 hours after a sickness episode.

Face coverings will be optional in the Federation, with some exceptions (see letter for details).

Advice for staff to test twice weekly with LFD tests has ended but in the Federation we will continue to test weekly.

World Book Day Thursday 3rd March

This Thursday is World Book Day and children can dress up as a book character or something linked to the theme 'You are a reader'. If children wish to wear face paints, these must be applied at home.

Mrs Rothery, Federation English Lead has organised for our English learning for most of this week to be based around the book 'Leaf' by Sandra Dieckmann. For parents' information, you can see a reading of the story here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H44d4MyQQI>

"One day a large white creature floats to shore and tries to find shelter and safety in an old cave. The animals of the Wild Wood fear him at first and name him Leaf because they observe him gathering leaves and because they want him to leave. They are divided by what they regard as Leaf's strange behaviour but gradually come to understand that this bewildered polar bear (for that is what he is although this is not stated until the story nears its close) just wants to get home. A picture book which draws on themes about the environment, prejudice against those who seem different and learning to communicate, illustrated in a manner which combines the naturalistic and the fantastic."



Ukraine

I am sure you are all well aware of the ongoing situation in Ukraine. Whilst we are geographically far away from the events, some in our schools and communities may be directly affected and may have families or roots in the region. The news and social media feeds are filled with the latest information, and some of it is very upsetting and worrying; and may not even be verified. Even if your child has not heard about this, other children may have, so as much as we would like to shield our children from what is happening, it is important to allow children a safe space to discuss issues sensitively to avoid worrying playground talk. Key Stage 2 children will be talked to about what is happening in a sensitive, age-appropriate way that does not dwell on the horrors but more positively on what we can do to feel hopeful and actively help.

By coincidence, the book 'Leaf' described above, is a gentle way of looking at the plight of refugees, and how we can be welcoming and supportive. It will be a useful tool to help the children, particularly the younger children where links can be made with people trying to find safety without delving into the details of the situation.

There are some background reading resources in the Safeguarding section of the newsletter to help you think about how parents can support children with what they are seeing or feeling.

In order to feel and do something positive, we will have a **'Yellow and Blue' non-uniform day on Friday 11th March in aid of the Red Cross Ukraine Crisis Appeal**. Please send in a £1 donation for this. Children will also be planting sunflowers, which have become the symbol of hope in Ukraine. They will be able to take them home to nurture and see how tall they grow.

School Council

Now that we are out of bubbles, we will be able to resume the School Council. Please talk to your child about whether they would like to stand for election. Mrs Beer will talk to the children about this next week.

Clubs

Please see clubs information on our website. <https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/halwill-primary-school/about-us/before-after-school-clubs/>

Apologies that this wasn't sent out before half term, we were interrupted by Storm Eunice.

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 afternoon.

During Wild Tribe sessions, later in the term, children may be given hot chocolate and marshmallows. Please see the ingredients later in the newsletter and please let us know if your child CANNOT have these.

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.

Secondary School Admissions

You should have received information about your child’s school place today via email from DCC.

Support balloons

Please can children bring in their “Support Balloons” by Thursday and we will share these in assembly.

Mrs Ruh Alford

Executive Headteacher

Tuesday	Club: Tennis/Badminton/ Volleyball skills Teacher: Di Stanbury Max number: 20	Class 4	1 st March to 5 th April 2022 3.30-4.30pm Runs for 6 weeks £6
Thursday	Club: Football Teacher: Scott Hayler Max number: 20 Shin pads are required for this club.	Class 3	3 rd March to 7 th April 2022 3.30-4.30pm Runs for 6 weeks £6
Thursday	Club: Arts & crafts Teacher: Rebekah Warran Max number: 20	Class 1 & 2	3 rd March to 7 th April 2022 3.30-4.30pm Runs for 6 weeks £6

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.

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 some information on how parents can support children with what they are seeing or feeling, in regards to the Ukraine situation:

Supporting your child if they see upsetting content online about what is happening in Ukraine

(Childnet): <https://www.childnet.com/blog/supporting-your-child-with-upsetting-content/>

We should not hide from children what is happening in Ukraine (Schools Week/Children's

Commissioner): <https://schoolsweek.co.uk/we-should-not-hide-from-children-what-is-happening-in-ukraine/>

Help for teachers and families to talk to pupils about Russia's invasion of Ukraine and how to help

them avoid misinformation (Department for Education) <https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2022/02/25/help-for-teachers-and-families-to-talk-to-pupils-about-russias-invasion-of-ukraine-and-how-to-help-them-avoid-misinformation/>

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

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
Olly—class 1 Poppy—class 3	Arthur—class 2 Ellie—class 2 William W-B—class 4		Jack S—class 3 Charlie H—class 4	Callie—class 2 Lola—class 4

Dates for your diary:

March

8th Year 6 SAT's meeting 5.00pm (via Zoom)

28th Tempest Class photos

April

8th End of spring term

25th Start of summer term

w/c 25th Year 5 Bikeability

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.



Soft pink & white
marshmallows

- ✓ Natural colours and flavours
- ✓ Fat free

Ingredients

Sugar, Glucose syrup, Water, Maize starch, Beef gelatine, Flavourings, Beetroot juice concentrate.

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Choking Warning: Not suitable for children under 36 months. Please remember children can choke on sweets.

Nutrition Information

Typical Values	Per 100g
Energy	1392kJ 328kcal
Fat	0.0g
of which saturates	0.0g
Carbohydrate	78.5g
of which sugars	62.3g
Fibre	0.0g
Protein	3.4g
Salt	0.05g

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our *Marshmallows*
are so soft and
fluffy they'll melt
in your mouth...
light and squishy...
and totally fat free...
so treat yourself!



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luxuriously soft
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