



Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Dear Parents,

WORLD BOOK DAY
7 MARCH 2024

The children have had a wonderful day celebrating books and reading. Lots of children chose to dress as a book character and looked great! Thank you to grandparents who came in and shared a book with the children.



Year 6 SATs Meeting for Parents and Pupils, 3:30 pm Monday 18th March



There will be a meeting for parents and Year 6 pupils to give you information about the SATs, how the week runs and how you can help your child to prepare. Please avoid bringing young children to this as it is important that the focus is on the Year 6 pupils. As the meeting is straight after school, our staff will supervise siblings from our school.

Schools Exhibition, Burton Gallery, Bideford

Thank you to parents who have consented to your children's art work to be displayed in the Burton Art Gallery. We have now submitted the work. The Schools Exhibition will be on from **1st March to 7th April 2024** so do try and go along to look at the children's work on display. Please note the gallery cannot guarantee that all work submitted will be displayed.



Class Assemblies

Well done to Class 1 for a superb assembly last week. They have certainly learnt a lot about Space and demonstrated this with great confidence.

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



Well done!

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.



The meetings will take place on Tuesday 26th March 1:45 – 6:00 pm

You are now able to book your slot. Please contact the office to do this.

DIY Easter Decoration

FRIENDS OF HALWILL SCHOOL PRESENTS

Easter D.I.Y Decoration

Friday March 22nd

5:30PM - 7PM

Halwill School

Adults £10 Children £5

Open to all the Public, Parents and
Children Year 3 and above

All participants are guided in making a
beautiful decoration with Jane Wonnacott
All materials are provided & refreshments available

Places are limited
Booking is essential by email to
friendsofhalwillschool@gmail.com

Charity Number 1116245

Staff News

We welcome Elisha Brown as our new Meal Time Assistant at Halwill. Elisha has experience of being a teaching assistant previously and has already settled in to the role well.



Thank you to Ailie Wilson who is stepping down from her Meal Time Assistant role.

Mrs Wilson has done a fantastic job and I am very grateful for her dedication, care and hard work she has given the children. Fortunately, Ailie will still be working in both school offices so children will still see her in this capacity.

Sports for Champions



Those children who were with us in 2019, may remember that we had a visit from pole-vaulter Molly Caudery. This was through the Sports for Champions programme in which the children undertook sponsored activities with Molly.

I am delighted that Molly, a Cornish girl, won Gold at the recent Indoor Athletics Championship and is looking towards a Gold at the Olympics in Paris. The money the children raised through sponsorship will have gone towards helping Molly aim high and reach her goal. We hope footballer, Bex Rayner, who visited us last year through Sports for Champions, will have similar success.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/athletics/68468412>



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 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.

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 3—Freddie Class 4—Leonie Class 2—Daisy	Class 1—Millie Class 1—Finley Class 3—Bella Class 4—Oscar	Class 1—Aiden Class 3—Megan Class 2—Poppy	Class 2—Leo

Dates for your diary:

March

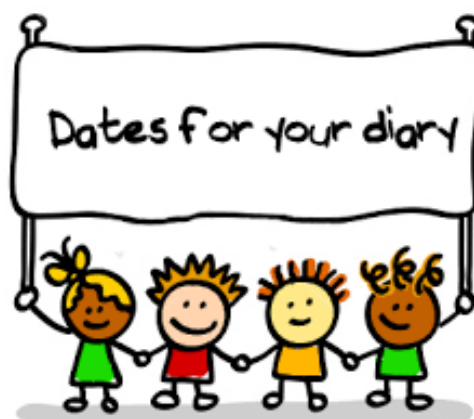
8th	Class 2 assembly 2.45pm
11th	KS1 Performing Arts Festival Y1 and 2 at HCC
18th	Year 6 SATs Meeting for Parents and Pupils, 3:30pm
22nd	Class 3 assembly 2.45pm
25th	Tempest Class photos
26th	Parent consultations 1.45-6.00pm
28th	End of term

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://
halwill-primary-school/parents/term-](https://halwill-primary-school/parents/term-)

[www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/
dates/](http://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/dates/)



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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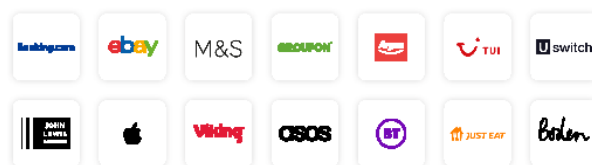
Friends of Halwill Primary School

with easyfundraising

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



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**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**

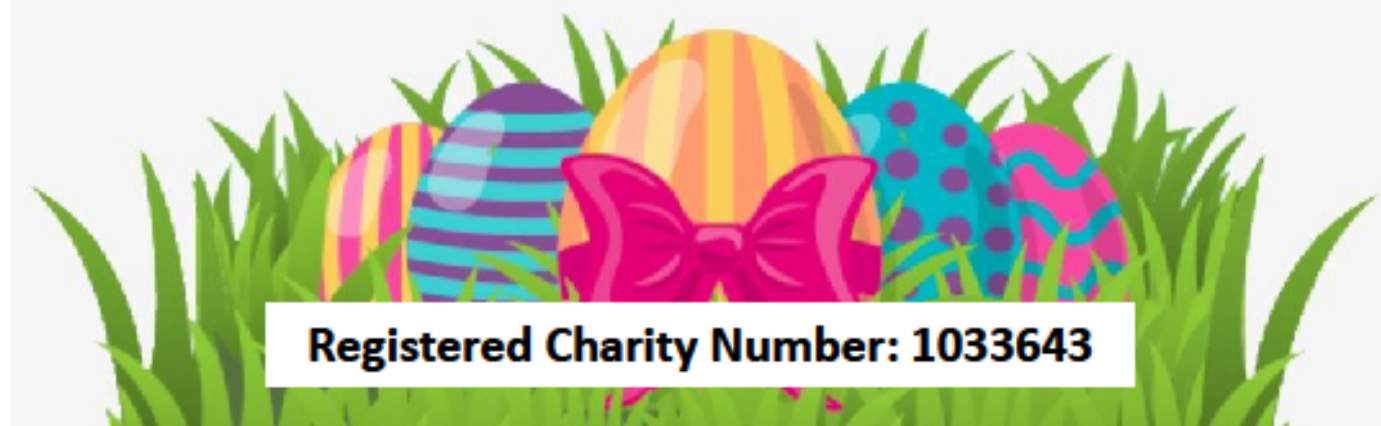


Open to all children from Early Years up to KS2
(school year 6)

£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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