



## *Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other*

Dear Parents,

A huge thank you for donations for the non-uniform day on Friday which will go to the British Red Cross for the Earthquake in Syria & Turkey appeal. We raised £126.32.

It was lovely to welcome parents and families to the Class 1 Assembly last week. The children shared all their learning about Space. It was amazing to see how much they have grown in confidence and in knowledge since starting school, and most importantly, how much they clearly love school! Well done to all of them and to Mrs Beer, Mrs Batstone and Miss Steward.



Today, Class 4 are attending the Tag Rugby festival at Holsworthy College, which was re-arranged due to poor weather in the Autumn. I am sure they will have a great day.

### World Book Day, Thursday 2nd March

To celebrate our love of reading, we are dressing up as a book character and bringing in our favourite books to share with friends.

In the Carey Federation we have chosen to focus on poetry this year, with all classes exploring a poem through the week, before sharing a performance of their poem to the rest of the school on Thursday. Keep an eye on Class Dojo for videos of the classes performance poetry.



Your children will come home with a World Book Day book voucher so they can choose a book to keep. As you know, reading is highly valued in the Carey Federation and we aim for every child to experience a love of reading. Celebrating World Book Day as a nation is one opportunity to promote reading for pleasure. Thank you for your support.

A reminder that all costumes and outfits should be appropriate for school.

Mrs Rothery

### Parent Consultations, Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 1:30 – 6:00 pm



Both live and virtual meetings are being offered. Please contact the office via phone or email to arrange your appointment.

### Year 6 SATs Club and Meeting for Parents

All Year 6 pupils are invited to attend an after school SATs club. This will run on Tuesdays from 14<sup>th</sup> March – 2 May, inclusive. We encourage all Year 6 pupils to make the most of this opportunity. Permission letters will be sent home shortly.

There will be a SATs meeting for parents and Year 6 pupils on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 5:00 pm.**

### World Maths Day



Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March is World Maths Day and we are planning a day of fun Maths activities in school to inspire and challenge the children.

### Friends' Coffee Afternoon, 2:45pm Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March



## Coffee & Chat

The Friends are holding a coffee afternoon as an opportunity for parents to meet and socialise. Whether you are a new parent, still getting to know others or near the end of your time at the school, please do come along and enjoy a cuppa and a chat before pick-up.

Second hand uniform will be on sale. If you have any to donate, please send it in before this date.

### Easter Service, Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 9:30 am



As we have been unable to attend the Church at Christmas for the last 3 years due to circumstances out of our control, we have decided to have an Easter Service at the Baptist Chapel in Halwill Junction. All parents, carers, extended family and the wider community are most welcome to attend.

Afterwards we invite you all to join us for a Coffee Morning at the Baptist Chapel. This will be a lovely opportunity for parents and carers to socialise with each other, something that that we have not been able to do through the pandemic.

**Drop-off will be as usual** as school staff will walk the children to the church and back to school afterwards.

### Wild Tribe

This half term, Class 4 will have Wild Tribe on Tuesday afternoons.

### Children's Medical Needs

To ensure we have the correct medical information about your child, please complete this google form [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdyweDUICP8Geji0D7tMtQg5n52uA9-LOLDNZa0-NTsKUmata/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdyweDUICP8Geji0D7tMtQg5n52uA9-LOLDNZa0-NTsKUmata/viewform?usp=sf_link). Please advise us of any changes through the year via the school office. If you have any medical paperwork e.g. diagnosis or communication from health care, please submit it to the school office. Please complete a google form for each child. **Please fill in the google form, whether you think we already know about your child's needs or not and even if your child does not have a health need.** Thank you to those who have already completed this.

### Industrial Action

The next date in this region where teachers (who are members of the NEU) may take strike action, is Thursday 2 March 2023. I do not anticipate that we will be affected and we plan to remain open as normal.

Wednesday 15 March and Thursday 16 March are the remaining dates that could affect us. I will of course keep you updated if there will be any impact on the school.

### Class 2 Assembly

Friday 3rd March at 2.45pm.



### Family Support Fund

I am pleased to announce that we can apply for funding to support families on low incomes to support with food and utility costs. This is through the Household Support Fund.

Families on low incomes can get help with food and utility costs via an extension to the new round of the Household Support Fund, which Early Help are administering locally. The scheme runs until 31st March 2023. Funds are limited so please contact me, via the office, if you would like the school to apply for you.

Through this fund, Early Help is able to provide a grant per family to support with:

- Food
- Supporting for energy and water bills for household purposes
- Essential white goods such as a fridge, freezer or cooker
- Consideration for petrol for essential journeys

The family needs to meet the following criteria:

- You are a family (at least 2 people where at least 1 person is either pre-birth or up to 18 years old)
- You are experiencing financial hardship
- You need financial help to pay utility bills or buy food and essential items linked to food, warmth, and utilities for your family
- Not have received financial assistance from another source for the same reason

Please note:

- Payment will be sent directly to families through BACS (it is essential we have the families bank details)
- There will be no food vouchers available in this scheme
- Only one application for an award per household within this round (HSF3) of the scheme, that will run from 16 November 2022 to 31st March 2023.
- Repeat applications are unlikely to be successful.
- If a family have previously received hardship funding from Early help applications to HSF1 and 2 they will be considered. However, families who have not previously received funding will be prioritised.
- This is not an emergency fund, and due to the huge demand we have experienced previously, please understand that processing these applications can take up to 4 weeks.

Mrs Ruh Alford

Executive Headteacher

*Dates for your diary:*

February

27th Class 4 Tag rugby festival

March

2nd World Book Day

3rd Class 2 assembly 2.45pm

7th Parent consultations 1.30pm to 6.00pm.

10th Class 3 assembly 2.45pm

13th SATs meeting for Y6 parents and children. 5.00pm.

15th Friends coffee afternoon, 2.45pm.

16th Vision screening for Yr R.

27th Tempest Class Photos

28th Easter Service. 9.30am Baptist Chapel

28th National Childhood Measurement Programme Yr R & 6

31st End of term

April

17th Start of summer term

w/c 24th Bikeability for Y5

May

1st Bank holiday

8th Bank holiday

24th North Dartmoor search and rescue team visiting

29th May to 2nd June Half term

June

5th Non-pupil day

July

4th to 6th Class 4 London Trip

21st Last day of term



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

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

### Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs A Rothery

Miss J Miners

Mrs R Cawsey—SENDCo

### Attendance Officer:

Miss S Revers

### Safeguarding Governor:

Mrs A Clark

## Advice for parents and carers

# Games consoles



## How to start a conversation with your child about gaming safely

### *Why do you want to get a games console?*

Whilst deciding if it is time for your child to have their first games console can be a great opportunity to find out what your child expects to use it for. This could be for playing online, playing with siblings or friends, or for playing by themselves.

### *What do you like about your games console? **What is your favourite game?***

If your child already has a games console, you can ask them about their favourite things to play, you can ask them to teach you to play the game and explore the ways to report and block players or content whilst playing together.

### *Which game do you really want to play?*

When talking about games your child wants to play, you can take a moment to discuss age ratings and what different content is available on different games. This can be a good opportunity to discuss your expectations around the games that your child can and can't play.

### *How do young people your age use their games console?*

Learning about the way that young people are using devices and games can give you an insight into why your child may want a new game or console.

*How can we as a family help you to manage the time you spend gaming? Can we do anything to help you use the games console more safely?*

Finding out how your child wants to be supported whilst online is a great way to open up wider conversations around online safety and the issues young people may face whilst gaming. You can also look at establishing a [family agreement](#) to manage your families time online.

*What would you do if something worrying or upsetting happened on your games console?*

Tell your child what they should do if something goes wrong while using it. This could be to close the screen, report, block and tell an adult.

#### Top tips:



##### **Talk with your child about responsible use of their games console**

Discuss what is okay and not okay to use it for and look at the possible risks. Tell your child what they should do if something goes wrong while using it. This could be to turn off the screen and tell an adult.



##### **Think about the location of the games console**

Will it be in a shared family space or in a bedroom? Think about: setting time limits; reminding your child about the risks of communicating online with people that they do not know; and encouraging them to come to you with any worries.



##### **Explore parental controls**

Take a look at the controls available both on the games console itself and on your home Wi-Fi. Talk these through with your child too. Parental controls are a helpful tool, but an open conversation with your child is the most important thing.



**Have you moved house?  
Changed your mobile  
number?**

**No longer have a  
landline?**

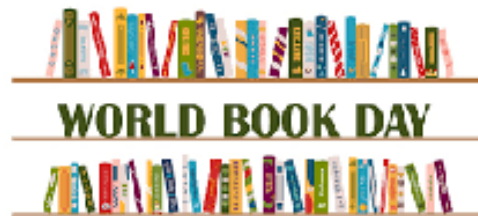
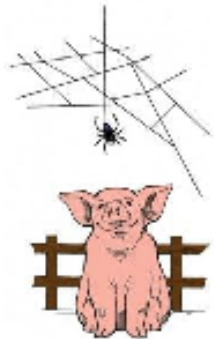


Please ensure you keep us informed of all changes to your contact details. This can easily be done by using the SIMS parent app or email the office. Thank you

# World Book Day

## Special menu on Thursday 2nd March.

Please order on SchoolMoney



### World Book Day Menu

**Gruffalo Sausages**

Or

**Hungry Caterpillar Pasta**  
(Macaroni Cheese)

*Served with:*

**The Witches Sticks**  
(Potato Wedges)

&

**Mr Stink Beans**  
(Baked Beans)

Or

**Jack's Magic Green Beans**  
(With  
Tomato Ketchup)



**Charlie's Chocolate Factory**  
(Chocolate Biscuit & Milk)

