



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

Dear Parents,

Last Thursday was World Book Day and the children looked super in their costumes. Thank you to parents for helping with these. It was a great day and brought some much needed joy to children and adults alike. In assembly, the children had an opportunity to show their costumes and tell us why they had chosen to dress up as a particular character.



The children then shared work inspired by the book 'Leaf' by Sandra Dieckmann. The children learnt about polar bears and warm and cold colours used in the book and wrote letters from the animals to Leaf the polar bear, in which they apologised for being unkind when Leaf first arrived (having been forced to leave his home as a result of the ice-caps melting). Their writing was of excellent quality and very empathetic, showing a real understanding of the need to welcome and 'take care' of new people, particularly if they are escaping difficulties. This is particularly apt in the current world situation.

I was also delighted with the children's 'Support Balloons'. The children have thought carefully about who they can go to for

support if they have a worry or feel sad. Well done to all the children and I hope they will think of these people when they need someone to 'Take Care' of them. The paper copies that came in to school will be put on display.



It was great to be able to have this as a live assembly. The children spoke with confidence and this was very pleasing, given that we have had Zoom assemblies for last half term and much of last year.

### Medicines and Inhalers

A reminder that if your child has an inhaler or regular medication, please ensure you ask the GP for enough so one can be left in school. These will be kept in the classroom medical box. Please check each term that they have not reached their expiry date.

### 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 shortly.

### Non-uniform Day Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March in aid of Red Cross Ukraine Crisis Appeal

There will be a non-uniform day on Friday with a suggested, optional theme of yellow and blue. Please don't buy any special clothes if you don't have these colours. We would much rather the money went straight to the charity than on new clothes. Children can always wear their school shirt with blue jeans or make a yellow and blue badge. A suggested donation of £1 will be greatly appreciated.

### Non-uniform Day Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March in aid of Comic Relief

Children can wear non-uniform (no theme) and a red nose if they wish. A suggested donation of £1 will be greatly appreciated.

### Wild Tribe Food

During Wild Tribe sessions, 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.

### Class Assemblies

As we were unfortunately unable to have the Christmas shows, we are inviting parents and carers to join for Class Assemblies as follows:

Class 2: Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March, 3:00 pm

Class 4: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2:45 pm

Class 3: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2:45 pm

Class 1: Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May, 3:00 pm

### Parent Consultation Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 1:30 – 6:00 pm

This will be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their teacher. Those who attended the 'live' Parent Consultations back in 2019 will know how busy the school can get with a number of parents on site. For this reason, we will again have meetings primarily via Zoom, however, if you feel you would prefer to have a face-to-face meeting, please let the office know and we will do our best to accommodate this, though it may be at a different time. **Bookings will be available from Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March**, via the office.

### Updated Policies

For your information the Marking Policy was updated earlier this year to include a section on marking home work and home learning. It can be found on our website here: <https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/The-Carey-Federation-Marking-Policy-January-2022.pdf>

Our Data Protection Policy and Privacy Notices for parents, children and staff were also updated and can be found here: <https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/key-information/gdpr/>

### Parent Governor

I am delighted to tell you that Becky Osborne (parent of Megan Class 2) is the new parent governor for the Federation Governing Body. She will attend her first meeting in a few week's time.

Ruh Alford  
Executive Headteacher

## 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

Please see the “What Parents & Carers need to know about Whatsapp” poster below.

### *Dates for your diary:*

#### March

8th	Year 6 SAT's meeting 5.00pm (via Zoom)
11th	Yellow & Blue non-uniform day. £1 donation
18th	Non-uniform day. Comic Relief. £1 donation
28th	Tempest Class photos
29th	Parent consultations 1.30-6.00pm.
30th	Class 2 assembly. 3.00pm

#### April

6th	Class 4 assembly. 2.45pm
8th	End of spring term
25th	Start of summer term
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#### May

2nd	Bank holiday
9th	Class 3 assembly. 2.45pm
18th	Class 1 assembly. 3.00pm
30th May to 3rd June	Half term

#### July

22nd	End of summer term
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#### September

1st	Inset day
2nd	Inset day
5th	Pupils return to school



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

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WHATSAPP



WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls. Its end-to-end encryption means messages can only be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp can read them. Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 (involving sharing data with parent company Facebook) caused millions to leave the app, but the new policy was widely misinterpreted – it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages.



## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### SCAMS

Fraudsters occasionally send WhatsApp messages pretending to offer prizes – encouraging the user to click on a link to win. Other common scams involve warning someone that their WhatsApp subscription has run out (aiming to dupe them into disclosing payment details) or impersonating a friend or relative and asking for money to be transferred to help with an emergency.

### DISAPPEARING MESSAGES

Users can set WhatsApp messages to disappear in 24 hours, 7 days or 90 days by default. Photos and videos can also be instructed to disappear after the recipient has viewed them. These files can't be saved or forwarded – so if your child was sent an inappropriate message, it would be difficult to prove any wrongdoing. However, the receiver can take a screenshot and save that as evidence.

### ENABLING FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp has unfortunately been linked to accelerating the spread of dangerous rumours. In India in 2018, some outbreaks of mob violence appear to have been sparked by false allegations being shared on the app. WhatsApp itself took steps to prevent its users circulating hazardous theories and speculation in the early weeks of the Covid-19 pandemic.

### POTENTIAL CYBERBULLYING

Group chat and video calls are great for connecting with multiple people in WhatsApp, but there is always the potential for someone's feelings to be hurt by an unkind comment or joke. The 'only admins' feature gives the admin(s) of a group control over who can send messages. They can, for example, block people from posting in a chat, which could make a child feel excluded and upset.

### CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a WhatsApp chat, you only need the mobile number of the person you want to message (the other person also needs to have the app). WhatsApp can access the address book on someone's device and recognise which of their contacts also use the app. So if your child has ever given their phone number to someone they don't know, that person could use it to contact them via WhatsApp.

### LOCATION SHARING

The 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, allowing friends to see their movements. WhatsApp describes it as a "simple and secure way to let people know where you are." It is a useful method for a young person to let loved ones know they're safe – but if they used it in a chat with people they don't know, they would be exposing their location to them, too.

## Advice for Parents & Carers



### CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Even though someone would need a child's phone number to add them as a contact, it's also worth altering a young person's profile settings to restrict who can see their photo and status. The options are 'everyone', 'my contacts' and 'nobody' – choosing one of the latter two ensures that your child's profile is better protected.



### EXPLAIN ABOUT BLOCKING

If your child receives spam or offensive messages, calls or files from a contact, they should block them using 'settings' in the chat. Communication from a blocked contact won't show up on their device and stays undelivered. Blocking someone does not remove them from your child's contact list – so they also need to be deleted from the address book.



### REPORT POTENTIAL SCAMS

Young people shouldn't engage with any message that looks suspicious or too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they'll be given the option to report it as spam. If the sender claims to be a friend or relative, call that person on their usual number to verify it really is them, or if it's someone trying to trick your child.



### LEAVE A GROUP

If your child is in a group chat that is making them feel uncomfortable, or has been added to a group that they don't want to be part of, they can use WhatsApp's group settings to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once; if they leave a second time, it is permanent.



### THINK ABOUT LOCATION

If your child needs to use the 'live location' function to show you or one of their friends where they are, advise them to share their location only for as long as they need to. WhatsApp gives a range of 'live location' options, and your child should manually stop sharing their position as soon as it is no longer needed.



### DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES

If your child posts a message they want to delete, WhatsApp allows the user seven minutes to erase a message. Tap and hold on the message, choose 'delete' and then 'delete for everyone.' However, it's important to remember that recipients may have seen (and taken a screenshot of) a message before it was deleted.



### CHECK THE FACTS

You can now fact-check WhatsApp messages that have been forwarded at least five times, by double-tapping the magnifying glass icon to the right of the message. From there, your child can launch a Google search and decide for themselves whether the message was true or not.



## Meet Our Expert

Parven Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks: a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.



National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday



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### Nutrition Information

Typical Values	Per 100g
Energy	1392kJ 328kcal
Fat	0.0g
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**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

**6:00pm Start for all Sch Yrs 3&under**

**6:30pm Start for all Sch Yrs 4&above**

*This is the 13<sup>th</sup> running of this 1mile race around Bude's  
cycleways and canal towpath*

*Includes Senior 6 Mile Race at 7:15pm  
Race 5 of the Cornish Multi Terrain Race Series*



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