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Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Dear Parents,

It was fantastic to have a full-house of parents and family at Friday's Class 3 Assembly. The children were superb in sharing their learning. Their singing and dancing was wonderful too.



Our netball team played in a tournament at Park Community School, Barnstaple. They were invited following their overall win at the Holsworthy College tournament. They aimed high and were resilient,

throughout and I have had excellent reports about their behavior. Here is a short write up by the team:

On Thursday, Lily, Leonie, Ida-May, Autumn, Jovann, Zac and Carter, went to a netball tournament. We played 6 games in total and won 3 and lost 3. It was a great opportunity to play against different schools and we really enjoyed it.

Many thanks to the parents who helped with transport and to Mr Hayler, Mrs Matthews and Miss Dannan, who supported on the day.

We had a busy Parent Consultation last Tuesday, with the majority of parents choosing a live meeting. I hope you found the meetings useful and informative.



Class 2 Arrangements

Last week, I wrote to Class 2 parents to explain that as Miss Warran will not be in school for a few weeks, Mrs Rothery will teach the class on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and a new teacher, Mr Pester will teach the class on Thursdays and Fridays. This means, Class 4 will have Miss Miners all week.

Class 2's Parent Consultation will be on **Tuesday 21**st **March** from 1:30 – 6:00 pm with Mrs Rothery. All appointments made have been moved to the new date but will remain at the same time. If you are unable to make this time, please contact the office.

Mr Pester will be here at pick-up on Wednesday 15th March, if you would like to meet him, please do come and introduce yourself.

Friends' Coffee Afternoon, 2:45pm Wednesday 15th March

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.

Year 6 SATs Club

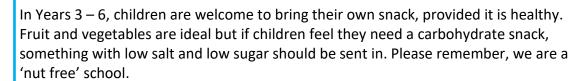


It was pleasing to see a good number of parents and Y6 pupils at the SATs meeting vesterday.

All Year 6 pupils are invited to attend an after school SATs club. This will run on Tuesdays from 14th March – 2 May, inclusive. We encourage all Year 6 pupils to make the most of this opportunity. If you haven't already completed the Google Form sent via text, please do so.

Breaktime Snack

Just to remind you, all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will have fruit or vegetable snacks at breaktime, these are free as part of the DfE Fruit for School scheme.





School Uniform Prices

We have been advised by our supplier that there will be an increase in price on the next order we make, so prices will go up slightly on future orders. However, we have some uniform in stock so this will be sold at the current price and can be ordered this via the shop on SchoolMoney. Once this stock finishes, the new prices will be put in place.

Alternatively, we do encourage the use of second hand uniform, which will be available at the Friends' Coffee Afternoon. Please donate any unwanted uniform, in good, clean condition.

Tiny Travels – Easter Around the World, Friday 24th March

Following the success of the Tiny Travels, Black History Month opportunity for Class 1 children in the Autumn, we have decided to invite Tiny Travels back so children of all ages in the Federation can benefit from experiencing the original artefacts from different cultures and will develop their understanding of the world they live in. This time, the focus will be on how the Christian festival of Easter is celebrated around the world, which focuses on the Latin American continent experiences looking at the colourful Christian festivities in this region and other Christian countries in the world. We request a contribution of £3.50 which is payable via School Money. If your child is entitled to Pupil Premium, the cost is covered by the school.



Easter Service, Tuesday 28th 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 Church 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 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.

Industrial Action

Wednesday 15 March and Thursday 16 March are the remaining dates that could affect us. I do not believe there will be an impact on our school.

Maths Workshop for Parents, Tuesday 2nd May, 4:30 pm at Halwill School



Our home-learning questionnaire, indicated that a number of parents would like a workshop to support them with the current methods of teaching Maths. We are very aware that if we were not in schools ourselves, we would find the

methods completely alien to those we were taught.

Mrs Batstone, our Maths Lead, will be leading this session. Don't worry, there will be no tests! But hopefully you will come away with a clearer understanding of how to support your child. It is suitable for parents of children in any class in the Federation.



Internet Safety Workshop for Parents and Carers, Wednesday 19th April, 5:15 pm

As you are aware, we have been working with the children on internet safety and sharing ideas with you in the newsletter. The internet is so useful but there are potential risks. We are very pleased to have organised a talk for parents from Jon Galling, the Senior Safeguarding Officer for DCC.

This would be ideal for parents, grandparents and anyone who looks after your child.

Jon has requested that children of any age, including babies and toddlers do not attend the session due to the potentially sensitive content.



Me, yth, Us safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

Supporting parents or carers to help their children use the internet safely

"I'm not a Police Officer, and most definitely not a Tech expert. In fact, I'm a bit like you, a parent who wants to make my child's use of the internet as safe as possible" (Jon Galling, Senior Education Safeguarding Officer for Devon County Council and deliverer of this workshop)

The session is designed not to scare or intimidate, but to reflect and review what the dangers of the online or virtual world are and how, as parents and carers we can help our children navigate the challenges they will face.

The session will help those attending to:

- Understand the risks and some ways in which these can be managed
- Understand the benefits of technology including as support for mental health and wellbeing
- Know where to go to find practical support
- Consider how to support your child navigate their 'virtual world'

Dates for your diary:

<u>March</u>

15th Friends coffee afternoon, 2.45pm.

16th Vision screening for Yr R.

17th Comic Relief day (see poster for more info)

24th Tiny Travels

27th Tempest Class Photos

28th Easter Service. 9.30am Baptist Chapel

28th National Childhood Measurement Programme Yr R & 6

31st End of term

<u>April</u>

17th Start of summer term

19th Parent internet safety workshop 5.15-6.30pm, school hall. (NB. Parents/carers only)

w/c 24th Bikeability for Y5

<u>May</u>

1st Bank holiday 8th Bank holiday

24th North Dartmoor search and rescue team visiting

29th May to 2nd June Half term

<u>June</u>

5th Non-pupil day

<u>July</u>

4th to 6th Class 4 London Trip

13th Sports Day. Parents/carers welcome at 1.30pm.

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

Attendance Officer:

Miss S Revers

Safeguarding Governor:

Mrs A Clark

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs A Rothery
Miss J Miners
Mrs R Cawsey—SENDCo

Please see this helpful video from the BBC on 'Supporting Children with Social Media Apps':

https://www.bbc.com/ownit/the-basics/children-social-media-support?collection=parents

The Carey Qualities

Relationships by being Resilient, Resourceful, Reflective and Respectful





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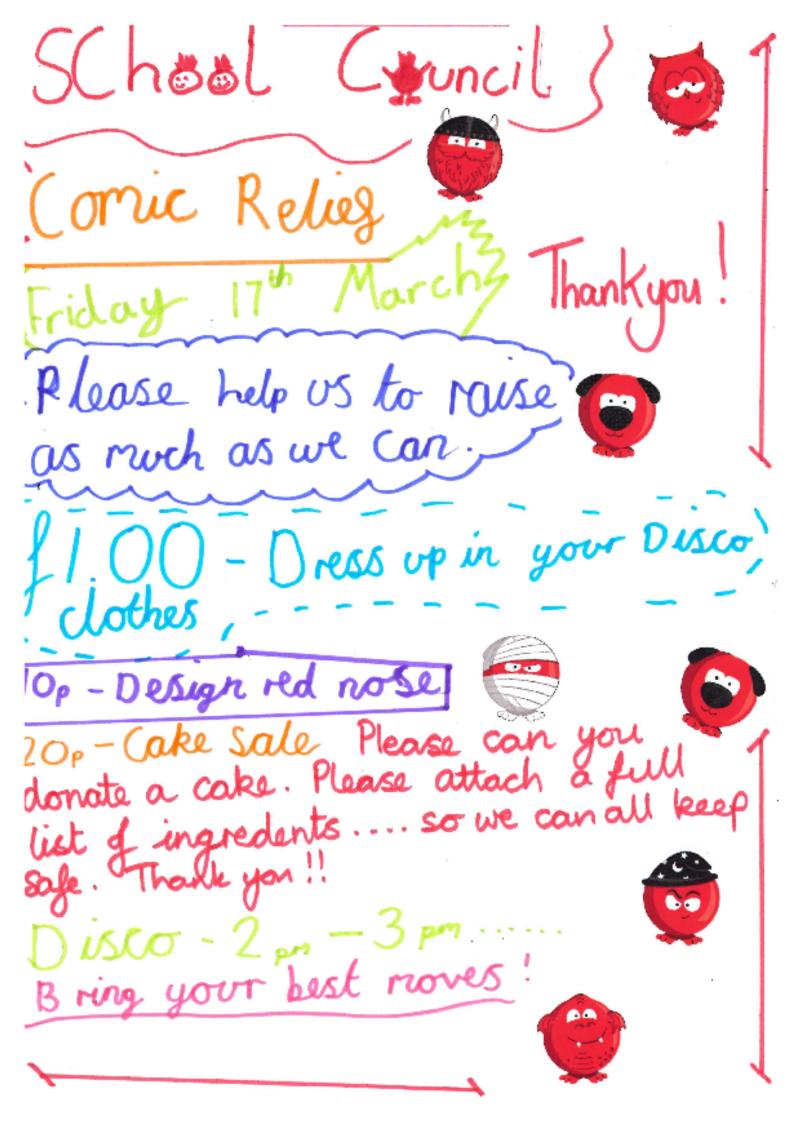
For building	For being	For being	For being	For being
Relationships	Resilient	Resourceful	Reflective	Respectful
	Class 1—Chloe Class 2—Ted Class 3—whole class		Class 1—Ada Class 1—Scarlett Class 2—Ethan Class 4—Oscar	Class 4—Zac



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





Summerhouse Services



'Supporting Brighter Futures'

Safe Spaces For Young People's Mental Health

We are a small, Plymouth-based, holistic, not-for-profit organisation promoting mental health, resilience and free thinking for children, young people and those adults that inhabit their world. We provide a range of human-centred, outcome-led, orbital and unique training and support services.

We have in person and virtual offers for all services, for which we have a nationwide remit.

While we are only just over a 18 months old as an organisation, the work and unique approach we use has been in the making and continually shaped in response to need for over 20 years in the voluntary sector by Founder and Director Penny.

Our creative, engaging, enjoyable and supportive offers are easy access, friendly and professional and never use power point, even for our virtual training! The focus instead is on lively interaction, enjoy as you learn and participation to own level of comfort.

ALL offers are generic and for EVERYONE and we never target audiences with specific issues, as our services are both preventative and supportive in nature and importantly, NONE of our offers are therapy or counselling, although ALL the spaces we create facilitate climates that are potentially, therapeutic, motivational and healing in nature.

We have had a fantastic reception since starting up in May 2021 and adults that come to our training use words such as 'game changing', 'ground breaking', 'new', 'pioneering', 'straightforward' and 'value for money' and young people generally find us 'helpful' 'validating', 'relaxing', 'interesting' and 'really fun'!

To find out more, please take a look around our website and if you would like a chat about any aspect of what we do or have any queries as to how we may help, please do not hesitate to get in touch....we always like a chat!



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