



Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Dear Parents,

It has been a short but busy Spring Term and it feels as though have been waiting for Spring to arrive through all of it. A few brighter days this week give us hope for the Easter holidays. I hope you all have a well-earned break. Today is the last day of term and we look forward to welcoming children back on Monday 15th April.

Well done to Georgina, Summer, George, Jack, Elsie, Millie, Leonie, Jemima, Jessica and another child, who represented the Federation in a netball match against Hatherleigh Primary School yesterday. They showed amazing team spirit and were great competitors.

This term Emily, Oscar and Charlie attended Gifted and Talented Drama Workshops at Hatherleigh School. They produced audio plays and the recordings which has been emailed to parents.

A huge thank you to Jane Wonnacott for the fantastic DIY Easter Decoration event on Friday evening. It was a lovely atmosphere and children and adults enjoyed being creative in a relaxed environment. Thank you to the Friends for their support with this. We raised £122.90. The 3 raffle winners have all been notified. Thank you to all who participated.



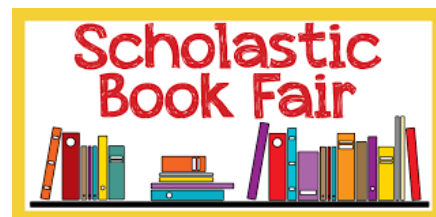
Rev. Paul Fitzpatrick was in school today to lead our Easter Assembly. Huge thanks to him for doing this.

Well done to Class 3 for an excellent assembly last week. The children demonstrated a superb knowledge of their topics and delivered the assembly with confidence.



Scholastic Book Fair 22nd to 26th April 2024

We are very pleased to be having a Book Fair for the first time since Covid. The Book Fair will be open every day after school. Please do come along with your child and encourage them to choose a book. **It will be 'cashless' purchases only. Please bring a phone so you can scan the QR code to pay for the books.**



Careers Fair

As part of our intent to 'widen children's worlds' we are planning a Careers Fair. Parents, extended family or family friends who do a job the children may be unfamiliar with or not know the details of, are invited to let us know if you would be willing to come in for a morning or afternoon to talk to groups of children about your job. Please let the office know if you would be interested in this.

Thank you for those people who have already been in touch. Once we have a few more interested people, we will be in touch to organise dates and details.

Class 4 Geography Project



Class 4 have been working in groups on Geography games linked to their learning which compares human and physical features of London and Rotterdam and explores trade links, economy and sustainability. We would like to invite parent to drop in on Thursday 18th April between the times of 3:00- 4:00pm to have a chance to play the games with their children.

Schools Exhibition, Burton Gallery, Bideford

The Schools Exhibition is on from **1st March to 7th April 2024** so do try and go along to look at the children's work on display. Some families have been and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



Wild Tribe

Class 3 will have Wild Tribe on Tuesday afternoons after the Easter holidays.



On Wild Tribe days, 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 must be tied up.

Clubs

Tuesday	Club: Dance Teacher: Jessica Squire Max number: 20	Class 3 & 4	16 th April to 21 st May 3.30-4.30pm £12 (6 weeks)
Tuesday	Club: Cricket Teacher: Scott Hayler Max number: 20	Class 1 & 2	16 th April to 21 st May 3.30-4.30pm £12 (6 weeks)
Thursday	Club: Tag rugby Teacher: Rhianna Preece Max number: 20	Class 2	18 th April to 23 rd May 3.30-4.30pm £12 (6 weeks)

<https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/halwill-primary-school/about-us/before-after-school-clubs/>

Recorder Lessons with Mrs Hayes

Next half term, Class 3 will be having Recorder lessons with Ruth Hayes on Wednesdays. Children need to bring in the recorders they bought last year. For year 3 pupils who haven't got one, these will be available to purchase after Easter (approx. £4 each).




Standards and Testing Agency (STA) Trial Assessments for Year 6

STA are the organisation who publish and assess the SATs tests. Halwill Primary School has been contacted by STA because they are trialling test materials in English Grammar Spelling and Punctuation for future tests at Key Stage 2. We have been selected to be part of the trial and it is a statutory requirement to participate.

The trial will take place on Tuesday 16th April and someone from STA will be present to oversee this. **There is nothing for you or the children to worry about.** We will not receive the results and they won't affect the children's SATs test results. However, it will be a useful opportunity for the children to do a test in test conditions ahead of their actual SATs. If you have any questions, please do contact me via the office.

Protocol for Calling Parents After an Accident or Injury At School - March 2024

 We have reviewed our protocol as we were finding staff were making around 10 – 15 phone calls a day and parents were then unsure if a call from school was urgent or not.

In an emergency medical situation, parents will be called as soon as possible and an ambulance will be called.

All head injuries will be followed by a call home and a bump note.

We will not call home for every bump, graze or scrape as this is not practical and could potentially water down any real emergency phone calls in terms of parents responding to calls.



Anything significant where we are concerned it might progress to something that later requires professional medical treatment e.g. possible breakage, will be called home. However, we are not medical professionals and cannot always know how an injury will progress. Our judgement will be based on our best judgement at the time.

Please be assured that all injuries, we are made aware of, are treated, logged in the Accident Book and the class teacher is informed so the child can be monitored through the day.

In case you have missed it, we have a new school lunch menu starting from 15th April.

For the full menu, please visit our website

<https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/Spring-Summer-Menu-2024.pdf>



Please ensure you always order your child's lunches in advance as this helps us cater correctly and avoid waste or conversely, not having enough.

All orders are done via SchoolMoney either online or via the app. Menus are available to book up to May half term.

Many thanks for your help with this.

(Please also note that on 15th April, the pudding will be Chocolate Mousse and not Strawberry Mousse.)



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 2—Amelia Class 4— Millie Class 4—Billy Class 3—Evelyn		Class 1—Alfred Class 1—Louis Class 2—Ivy Class 4—Dexter Class 3—Chloe Class 3—Joshua	



Don't let your child catch it
– get them vaccinated with the MMR vaccine

Measles symptoms include: high fever; sore, red, watery eyes; coughing; aching and feeling generally unwell; a blotchy red brown rash, which usually appears after the initial symptoms.

The number of young people catching measles has risen. It's never too late to be vaccinated. You need two doses of MMR one month apart to be fully protected against measles, mumps and rubella.

It's time to make measles a disease of the past.

If you have symptoms of measles, stay at home and phone your GP or NHS 111 for advice. **STAY AWAY** from GP surgeries and A&E departments – you could spread the illness to others.

 **immunisation**

the safest way to protect your child

For more information contact your local GP surgery or visit: www.nhs.uk/mmr

Dates for your diary:

March

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

Swimming

Swimming starts after the Easter holidays. Please ensure you have completed the google permission form by Thursday 28th March. Thank you.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeDyF5MgRRsWcMfOie0W_qj4dtgl8SxK-YH0jfeScdYqil83Q/viewform?usp=sf_link



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/>



easyfundraising

Turn your online shopping into everyday magic for

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



Download the easyfundraising App   Excellent  3,945 reviews on Trustpilot

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



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.

Scallywags Pre-School invites you...



Easter Egg hunt

**Wednesday 27th
March**

**3.30pm-5pm
at Scallywags**

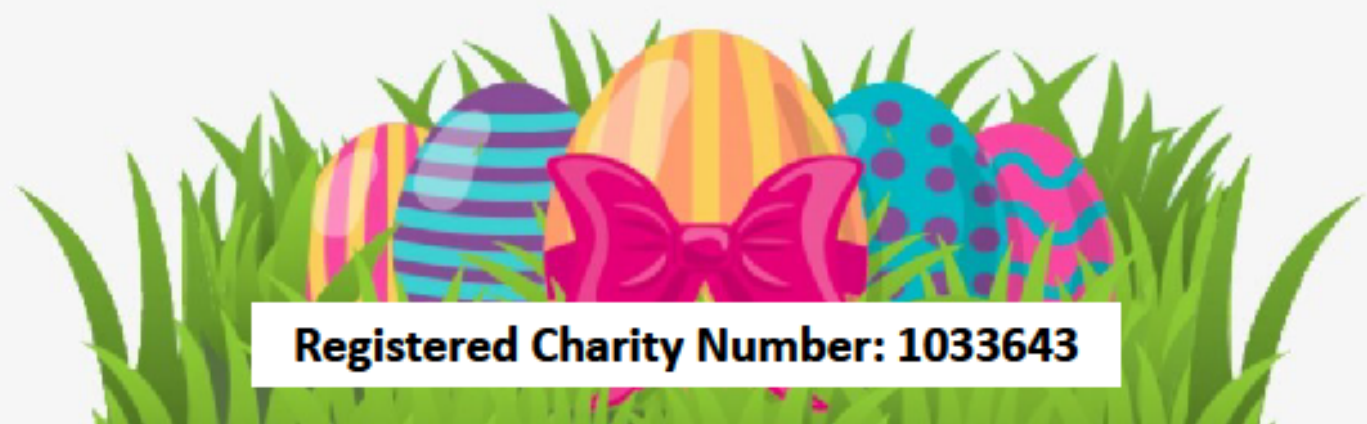


**Open to all children from Early Years up to KS2
(school year 6)**

£2 per child

Cakes, Bacon Baps & Refreshments

We will have the hall in the event of wet weather



Registered Charity Number: 1033643

Scallywags 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 Scallywags or email

scallywagspreschool@outlook.com

Registered Charity Number: 1033643

Dance Lessons

Spaces still available - sign up now!

Hatherleigh Community Centre.

• **MONDAY** afternoons after Easter.

✦ Starting 15/4/24 ✦

□ 3:15-3:45 - TINY TOTS Ballet (pre-school age 3-5)

□ 3:45-4:15 - Ballet for yr reception, 1&2

□ 4:15-4:45 - Street Dance (yr reception, 1&2)

□ 4:45-5:15 - Street Dance (yrs 3, 4, 5, 6, 7)

Price: £4 per class, x 5 weeks = £20 total.

Bradworthy Memorial Hall

• **Wednesdays**

3:40-4:10 Ballet Yrs reception, 1&2

4:10-4:40 Street Dance Yrs reception, 1&2

4:40-5:10 Ballet School Yrs 3-6

5:10-5:40 Street Dance School Yrs 3-6

£4 per week, first half-term £24 for 6wks.



YOU MUST PRE-BOOK: spaces limited

Classes led by Jessica Bailey (née Squire)

• professional dancer and dance teacher

• over 10 year experience

• enhanced DBS checked, first aid trained, fully qualified and insured

• Jess delivers dance in primary schools across Devon (locally including Hatherleigh, Highampton, BT, Bradford, Halwill primaries)

📱 Get in touch if you'd be interested by messaging the Jessica Squire Dance Facebook page, email jessicasquire.perform@gmail.com or 07746892660.

Thanks everyone - looking forward to hearing from you!

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