



Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Dear Parents,

A huge thank you to the School Council for organising Comic Relief on Friday and to Miss Miners and staff for helping with organisation and of course to parents for supporting with donations of money and cakes. It was a super day. Here is a write up about it from the School Council.



The School Council would like to say a really big - Thankyou!!

We raised £142.40



The day started off with everyone dressed up in their disco clothes. It was really nice to see everyone looking so full of fun!!

We really enjoyed the school disco too!!

Thank you for donating so many delicious treats, which we were able to sell.

We feel very proud that the money we have raised will be used to support those who need help right now. We all worked together as a school to be there for people going through the toughest of the times right here in the UK and around the world.

Thank you from Halwill School Council.



Thank you to the Friends who organised a coffee afternoon last week. If you weren't able to make it, please do stay after the **Easter Service on Tuesday 28th March**. Year 6 pupils will be helping to serve.

Pupil Absence Reporting

Thank you to the majority of parents who always inform us if their child is absent with a reason. A reminder that **parents must inform the school office via telephone or email by 9:00 am**. Please don't message via Class Dojo as these messages are not monitored by the office. We have an obligation to follow-up on unexplained absences as it could be that something has happened to the child or parent resulting in them being unable to come in. Thank you for your support with this.

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.

Y6 SATs

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Here is a link to the Power Point shared at the recent meeting. It includes the SATs timetable, which some parents have asked about:

<https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/halwill-primary-school/children/class-pages/y5-and-y6-class-4/>

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.



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, you, 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.

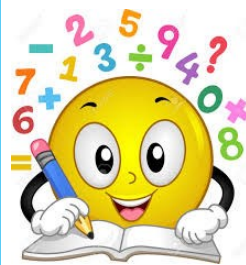
The session will help those attending to:

- 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'

KS1 Performing Arts—Monday 27th March

Please can children come into school wearing their school uniform as we have class photos in the morning. Please bring their PE kit with them and they will change before they go to Holsworthy. Thank you

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.

Swimming Summer Term 2023

We are pleased to be able to offer swimming again in the summer. The children will be taken to and from Ruby Oak Park Swimming Pool by coach along with Ashwater children of the same year groups. This will be on Thursday mornings as follows.



Year Groups	Dates
Y 3/4	20/04, 27/04, 04/05, 11/05
Y 5/6	18/05, 25/05, 08/06, 15/06
Y R/1/2	22/06, 29/06, 06/07, 20/07

To save time in assessing and grouping during the first session, Ruby Oak have requested some information. Please click the link to complete the Google form <https://forms.gle/Vn8EVZpZNkTT9wwM7> and consent to sharing this information with Ruby Oak.



A towel and swimming costume should be sent in a swimming bag on the day. Goggles are optional and swimming caps are not required but long hair must be tied up. School fruit snack will be taken for YR/1/2, a healthy, nut-free, snack can also be sent in for other year groups. Please can parents of Y3/4 complete the Google form as soon as possible.

Children will need to be able to change independently so practising this at home and going through routines such as putting items back in their bags can really help. Please ensure everything, including underwear, is labelled.

Holsworthy College Transition Meeting Friday 21st April

Gareth Smith, Principal of Holsworthy College, will visit the Y6 pupils transferring to Holsworthy in September 2023 on Friday 21st April.

Parents are invited to come in and meet him at 3:00 pm. Please sign in at the office.

Wild Tribe

Class 3 will have Wild Tribe on Tuesdays for the first half of the Summer Term.

Classes 1&2 will have Wild Tribe for the second half of the Summer Term.

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 should be tied up.

During Wild Tribe sessions, children may be given hot chocolate and marshmallows. If you would like to see the ingredient list, please speak to the Office and please let us know if your child CANNOT have these.

Class 3 Request

Class 3 are looking for the following for their Tudor Houses DT project:

Lolly pop sticks

Felt (brown)

Foam sheets (brown or black)

Small cardboard boxes



If you are able to help, we would be very grateful. Thank you.



Success Outside School

On Saturday Harry, Obie, Bella and Freddie took part in the Moors Football Tournament in Tiverton. They really tried so hard and played well, aiming high and being resilient. Well done to them all.



Dates for your diary:

March

21st	Class 2 parent consultation 1.30-6.00pm.
24th	Tiny Travels
27th	Tempest Class Photos
27th	KS1 Performing Arts Festival—HCC
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
19th	Parent internet safety workshop 5.15-6.30pm, school hall. (NB. Parents/carers only)
21st	HCC to visit Year 6
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
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July

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

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs A Rothery

Miss J Miners

Mrs R Cawsey—SENDCo

Attendance Officer:

Miss S Revers

Safeguarding Governor:

Mrs A Clark

Social Media Guides

Is your child using Social Media?

Is your child using chat sites to talk to family and friends?

Is your child sharing selfies?

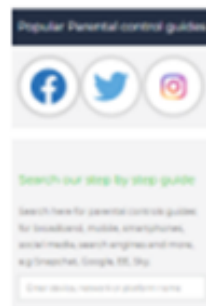
Do you need help with setting up parental controls?

If you answered yes to any of the above questions visit

[Internet Matters](#) and review their advice and guidance on:

Facebook Messenger Facetime Instagram Skype

TikTok Whatpad Whatsapp Youbo (and more!)



Remember if your child is gaming online, they may be chatting and communicating with other players or friends.

[Internet Matters](#) has provided safety guides to help keep your child safe on:

[Steam](#) [Xbox live](#) [Twitch TV](#) [Roblox](#) [Minecraft](#) [PlayStation](#)

[Network](#) [Nintendo Network](#) – NB Nintendo's consoles are

more family-friendly than most and therefore its chat functionality is a lot more geared to safe interaction for younger players.

Sallywags Pre-School



Easter

Egg Hunt



Friday 31st March ~ 3.30pm-5pm
at Sallywags Pre-school

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

£2 per child

Refreshments will be available



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