



Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Summer Term! Fingers crossed the Sun gets the memo! I hope you and your family had a good Easter.

We have been very impressed with how well the children have settled back in to school. They have matured through the year and showing an excellent 'aim high' attitude.



A number of families managed to visit Schools Exhibition at the Burton Gallery, Bideford and I hear everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. I thought the Federation work was excellent and demonstrated the 'aim high' attitude of the children and staff.



Well done to our Federation netball teams who aimed high against Hatherleigh Primary School before Easter.

Although we were not the overall winners, the children played with resilience and an aim high attitude.

Class 4 Geography Project

Thank you to Class 4 parents who came along yesterday to see and play the Geography games comparing human and physical features of London and Rotterdam. It was a wonderful atmosphere and I hope you could see how the projects helped the children explore trade links, economy and sustainability.



Congratulations!



A huge well done for 'aiming high' and 'being resilient' to Ada Ogborne, Evelyn Ogborne and Bella Seaborn.

During the Easter holidays Bella, Evelyn and Ada took part in a distance swimming session at Ruby Oak. Ada managed to gain her 800m certificate and Bella and Evelyn reached 2000m.

Scholastic Book Fair 22nd—26th April

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 until 4:00 pm. 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.**



**Scan the QR code to pay for your books online
or visit bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay**

Year 6 Transition to Secondary School

Please see the following key dates:



Starting Secondary School

Wednesday 22nd May - Holsworthy College staff meeting children at Halwill – parents to come at 3:00 pm

Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th June – Holsworthy College Transition Days

We have not yet had the dates for Okehampton

Class Page on the Website

Teachers are in the process of updating the Class Page and will put a message on Class Dojo so when they are ready.

Outlines of Support



Sometimes children need a little extra support or intervention. Teachers will be noting any additional support or intervention for those children that need it, on an 'Outline of Support' and will send these home in the next couple of weeks. Please note the 'Outline of Support' is not aimed at children with Special Educational Needs, as these children will have a 'My Plan'. Teachers will invite parents in to look at these together in the next couple of weeks.

If you have concerns that your child may have a Special Educational Need, please raise this with Mrs Caswey, the Federation SENDCO. You can contact her via the school office to arrange a meeting.

Statutory Assessments

There are some assessments which are statutory so all schools are obliged to administer these. The tests are all set externally by the DfE and results form part of your child's record. If your child is in one of the year groups below they will be taking a statutory assessment this term. Results will be shared with you in their end of year report.



Year 6

As you know, Year 6 will sit the Key Stage 2 SATs this year. 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/wp-content/uploads/SATs-meeting.pres-2024.pdf>

Year 4

Year 4 children will undertake an on-line Multiplication Check. This is carried out one-to-one with a teacher over-seeing. This will take place between Monday 3rd June and Friday 14th June. To support children, please encourage them to learn their times tables and use Times Tables Rockstars frequently.

Year 1

Year 1 will undertake a Phonic Screening Check in the week of 10th June.. This is a one-to-one assessment with a teacher and tests their ability to read single words using their decoding and blending skills which they are taught during Read, Write Inc sessions. There will also be some nonsense words included. To support your child, keep hearing them read the 'Read, Write Inc' books and encourage them to sound out (or 'Fred Talk') rather than guessing the words.

Year 2 Non-Statutory Assessment

You may have heard that from this year, Year 2 SATs are no longer statutory and schools can take the decision whether to do the tests or not.

After much thought, we have taken the decision to do the tests but they will be taken much later than usual. This will allow teachers to spend time teaching the full content of the year, before the children take the test. As we will receive the test materials anyway and termly assessments are already part of the children's routine, it seems sensible to use the tests. The results will form part of your child's school assessment record, just as their end of Year 3, 4 etc. assessments will. It is likely that DCC will request the results of schools choosing to do the tests. Having discussed with other maintained school headteachers, the consensus is that schools will still do the tests.

Due to the age of the children, we try to make the tests feel like an end of term assessment that they are already used to and the children usually enjoy the challenge and rise to it. There will be four tests the children will sit: Arithmetic, Maths Reasoning and two Reading papers. Once we have confirmed when we are doing the tests, we will let you know. To support your child, please keep the 5 reads a week going and talk about the text with them to help their understanding. Please keep working on 'Reading Buddies' because this really does help with comprehension and understanding. Please continue to encourage your child to use 'Mathletics'. Results will be shared in the end of year report.

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	Class 3 & 4	16 th April to 21 st May 3.30-4.30pm
Tuesday	Club: Cricket Teacher: Scott Hayler	Class 1 & 2	16 th April to 21 st May 3.30-4.30pm
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)

Class 4 Victorian Day

On Friday 21st June, Class 4 will have a Victorian Day. Miss Miners will shortly share information with you via Class Dojo.

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.

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

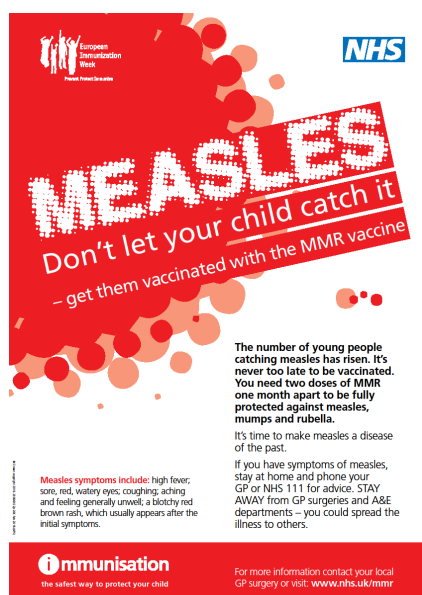
Safeguarding Governor:

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
Reidy S—Class 3	Arthur E—Class 3 Caleb C—Class 4 Jack S—Class 4 Aiden PT—Class 1 Elodie S—Class 1	Ellie C—Class 3 Dougie G—Class 2	Autumn B—Class 4	Scarlett—Class 2

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:

April

22nd—26th Scholastic Book Fair—3.30pm each day

25th Swimming years 3 & 4

May

2nd Swimming years 3 & 4

6th Bank holiday

9th Swimming years 3 & 4

22nd Holsworthy staff meeting pupils and staff—parents 3pm

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

25th & 26th Holsworthy college transition days—Y6

27th Swimming years R, 1 & 2

July

4th Swimming years R, 1 & 2

8th Beach Festival Y3 and 4 at Bude

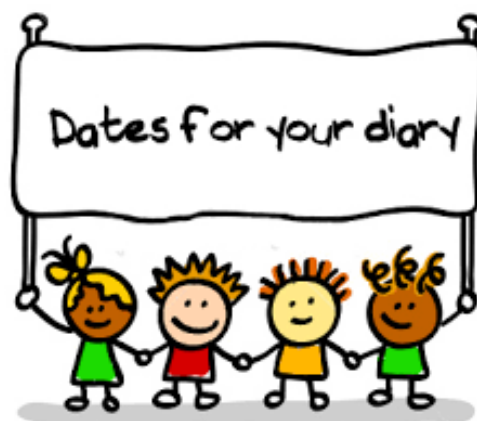
11th Swimming years R, 1 & 2

18th Swimming years R, 1 & 2

23rd End of term

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

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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

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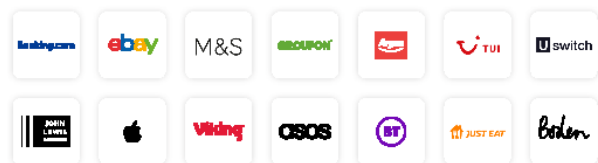
Friends of Halwill Primary School

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How to sign up

- 1 Visit the link below or scan the QR code www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause
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- 3 Your favourite brands donate whenever you spend with them



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



STOP
THANKS FOR REMEMBERING
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SCHOOL

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.

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CONTACT: GRAHAM MOORE - GRAHAM.MOORE62@BTINTERNET.COM

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CONTACT: RODNEY DAVIES - RODNEYEGGESFORD-BARTON.CO.UK

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JESS'S DANCE ACADEMY



HATHERLEIGH

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Suitable for boys & girls

MONDAYS

3:15-3:45pm TINY TOES BALLET (ages 3-5)
3:45-4:15pm BALLET for Schl Yrs Receptn, 1, 2
4:15-4:45pm STREET Dance Yrs Receptn, 1 & 2
4:45-5:15pm STREET DANCE for School Yr 3-8
Children's Classes: to be paid in a 5 week
half-termly block of £20 (£4 per class)

5:30-6:15pm ADULT DANCE FIT £6 or 4 for £20

BRADWORTHY

Memorial Hall
EX22 7SZ ★ Free parking ★
Suitable for boys & girls

WEDNESDAYS

3:40-4:10pm BALLET for Schl Yrs R 1 & 2
4:10-4:40pm STREET Dance Schl Yrs R, 1 & 2
4:40-5:10pm BALLET for Schl Yrs 3, 4, 5, 6
5:10-5:40pm STREET Dance Schl Yrs 3 4 5 6
£4 per class, paid in a half or termly block.

★ Tuesdays: 6-7pm Bradworthy Hall
Adult Dance Fit, £6 weekly or 4 for £20

→ Interested in booking a workshop? Contact me to register your interest and see what other workshops I offer ←

About *Jessica Squire Dance*: Fully insured, enhanced DBS checked, safeguarding and first aid certified. Jess has over 10 years experience teaching dance: in schools, dance schools, toddler classes, hen parties, wedding dances. She trained in RAD Ballet & ISTD Modern Dance, has a Degree in Dance & English and was a professional dancer at *Disneyland Paris & Haven Holidays*.

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