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

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the Summer Term! I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday and managed to make the most of the good weather.

Very well done to the winners of the Easter Colouring Competition and to Toby in Class 4 and the School Council who organised this in aid of the Ukraine appeal. Thank you to everyone who entered the competition, which raised £21.00.

The winners were:

Class 1 – Ethan
Class 2 – Lily and Evelyn
Class 3 – Georgina and Jack H
Class 4 – Maisie and Isla

A huge thank you to the 'Friends' for organising an Easter Bingo event, which raised £284.66.

<u>COVID Latest Guidance</u>

The Government guidance changed on 1st April.

- adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature.
- children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.
- **adults** with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for **5 days**, which is when they are most infectious. For **children** and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be **3 days.**
- regular asymptomatic testing is no longer recommended in any education or childcare setting, including in SEND, alternative provision and children's social care settings.

I appreciate that for some of you may feel uneasy about these changes while others will be pleased about them. We will continue to ventilate classrooms while balancing this with a comfortable room temperature and continue to encourage hand hygiene. While we still have LFD kits, staff have been asked to keep testing weekly and we will continue to encourage visitors to wear face coverings.

Y5 Bikeability Week of 25th April

A reminder that this starts tomorrow (Tuesday). For details, please refer to the letter sent home before Easter.

Swimming Summer Term 2022

Swimming for Year R, 1 and 2 begins this Thursday. If you haven't already completed information about your child's ability and consent to share this with Ruby Oak Park, please do so by the end of the day at the latest. This will save time in assessing your child in the first session. https://forms.gle/8CfaxqcXJX2fzndR8

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
R/1/2	28/4, 5/5, 12/5, 19/5
3 / 4	26/5, 9/6, 16/6, 23/6
5/6	30/6, 7/7, 14/7, 21/7

YR/1/2 children should come to school in PE kits to save time in changing for PE in the afternoon. 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.

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 Thursday 28th April

Members of the College staff will visit the Y6 pupils transferring to Holsworthy in September 2022 on Thursday at 2:30 pm.

Parents are invited to come in and meet the staff at 3:30 pm. Please sign in at the office.

Dental Survey YR & Y1 Friday 29th April

If your child is involved with this, you will have already had information and consented to this.

Clubs

Clubs information was shared at the end of last term. Here is a link to the information:

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

Wildtribe

Class 3 (Y3 & 4) will be doing Wildtribe on Tuesdays this half term. They will require waterproofs and wellies to wear over their uniform or if they don't have waterproofs, children should bring in long sleeve tops and trousers (not jeans) and a waterproof coat. Long hair must be tied up. Other classes will have PE on Tuesdays.

Reception Class 2022

Places for Reception 2022 were offered by County last week. We look forward to meeting the new children and families. We will shortly write to parents to explain the transition arrangements.

Mrs Ruh Alford
Executive Headteacher

Safeguarding at Halwill

The Safeguarding Team

Designated Safeguarding Lead:
Mrs R Alford

Attendance Officer:
Miss S Revers

Safeguarding Governor:
Mrs G Marshall

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead:
Mrs A Rothery
Miss J Miners
Mrs R Cawsey—SENDCo

Be Tick Aware!

For further information please see:

https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/lyme-disease/

If you are bitten by a tick, #BeTickAware to avoid infection.

🕷 Act quickly
🕷 Using a pair of fine tipped tweezers or tick removal tool, grip the head as close to the skin as possible
🕷 Slowly pull upwards
🕷 Dispose of the tick
🕷 Clean the site with antibacterial wipes

For more information and symptoms to look out for after being bitten 👉 http://soc.devon.cc/a9e4d

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

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 4—Isla	Class 3—Dexter Class 4—Toby	Class 4—Ida-May	Class 1—Jake Class 1—Sidney Class 2—Finley Class 2—Joshua W Class 3—Emily	

Dates for your diary:

April

w/c 25th	*Year 5 Bikeability*
28th	*Swimming Y R, 1 & 2*
28th	*HCC transition meeting 2.30pm. Parents welcome at 3.30pm*
29th	*Dental Survey Y R & 1 (selected pupils only)*

May

2nd	*Bank holiday*
5th	*Swimming Y R, 1 & 2*
9th	*Class 3 assembly. 2.45pm*
12th	*Swimming Y R, 1 & 2*
13th	*Year 6 Tempest photo*
16th to 20th	*Y 5 & 6 activity week*
18th	*Class 1 assembly. 3.00pm*
19th	*Swimming Y R, 1 & 2*
26th	*Swimming Y 3 & 4*
30th May to 3rd June	*Half term*

June

9th	*Swimming Y 3 & 4*
16th	*Swimming Y 3 & 4*
23rd	*Swimming Y 3 & 4*
30th	*Swimming Y 5 & 6*

July

7th	*Swimming Y 5 & 6*
14th	*Swimming Y 5 & 6*
21st	*Swimming Y 5 & 6*
22nd	*End of summer term*

September

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

Special Census day menu

Thursday 19th May 2022

Hot dog & wedges.

Vege hot dog & wedges.

Plus the usual jacket potato options.

Please order through schoolmoney.

For the full school menu please visit

https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/halwill-primary-school/parents/school-dinner-menus/