



## *Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other*

Dear Parents,

Jon Galling, the Senior Safeguarding Officer for DCC delivered a fantastic Internet Safety Workshop last Thursday. Parents who attended, reported it was very useful and practical. Jon was incredibly human and did not lecture us at all, instead he helped us see things from our children's point of view. As the essence of the session was in Jon's delivery, it is impossible to fully replicate this, however, I will share snippets in the Safeguarding section of the newsletter over the next few weeks so please do look at these. On this theme, it has come to my attention that some children are talking about 'Huggy Wuggy'. This is an unpleasant and potentially frightening character featuring in games, You Tube, TikTok and other social media. Please monitor children to ensure they aren't looking at it and if you hear them talking about Huggy Wuggy, please discourage it. Thank you for your support with this.

Year 5 have had a good start to their Bikeability sessions this week and are already making progress. Well done to them.



### Industrial Action

The NEU has confirmed that members will take national strike action on 27 April and 2 May. However, we do not anticipate that this will have an impact on our school.

### Bank Holidays



A reminder that we have two upcoming Bank Holidays so the school will be closed. These are Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May (May Day) and Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May (King's Coronation).

### Coronation Activities

#### **Class 4 Coronation Singing at Halwill Manor Nursing Home Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

As you may know, in tribute to His Majesty The King's public service, the Palace are encouraging people to take part in The Big Help Out. The aim of The Big Help Out is to use volunteering to bring communities together and create a lasting volunteering legacy from the Coronation Weekend.

We feel this fits in very well with our motto of 'Take Care of Each Other' so we have arranged for Ashwater Class 2 and Halwill Class 4 to sing at Halwill Manor Nursing Home. Mrs Jess Bailey will support the children in their singing. Class 4 parents should have received a letter about this already.



## Street Party Lunch, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May

Lunch will be served, street party style, weather permitting, this will be outside. This was so successful in the Jubilee so I am sure the children will enjoy it again. There is a slight change to the pudding on this day, instead of a lolly pop, dessert will be ice cream with strawberries and blueberries. SchoolMoney will remain showing as ice lolly, but please bear in mind that it will be ice cream when ordering.



Children are invited to wear 'Red, White & Blue' non-uniform on this day. Please remember clothes should be appropriate and suitable for school e.g. midriffs should be covered and off the shoulder or strappy vest tops are not allowed in school.

## RNLI Assembly

There will be a whole school assembly from the Royal National Lifeboat Institute next Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.



## North Dartmoor Search and Rescue Team, Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May



We have arranged for North Dartmoor Search and Rescue to visit our school. They will bring in equipment and the mountain rescue vehicles for the children to look at as part of this visit and talk to them about their work.

In addition, Year 5 and 6 pupils will be taught basic First Aid from Carl Tinkler, who volunteers for North Dartmoor Rescue Team and delivers First Aid training to our staff (<https://www.kernowtrainingsolutions.co.uk/>). We understand that preparing children with the basic First Aid skills when they really count will give our children confidence in how to deal with potential situations they may meet as they become more independent.



We are in such a privileged position living so close to Dartmoor National Park. We think it is a great opportunity to raise awareness of the beauty of our local environment and a great way to acknowledge the work of the volunteers of the North Dartmoor Search and Rescue Team. **Therefore, we are asking for a £1 donation, payable on SchoolMoney.** This will go to North Dartmoor Search and Rescue Team, which is a registered charity and is 100% dependent on donations from the public. The team excels during extreme weather events when its intervention frequently saves lives.

## Music Lessons

Ruth Hayes has two more Recorder sessions with Class 3, so the last will be on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. She will then begin Class 4 Recorder lessons on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May.



Please note, there will be no individual music tuition with Ruth Hayes on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May.

## 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-2023.pdf>

It can be found on the Class 4 Page of the website.

### **Year 4**

Year 4 children will undertake an on-line Multiplication Check. This is carried out one-to-one with a teacher overseeing. This will take place between Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June. To support children, please encourage them to learn their times tables and use Times Tables Rockstars frequently.

### **Year 2**

Year 2 will sit SATs tests for the End of Key Stage 1. Due to the age of the children, we try to make these feel like an end of term assessment that they are already used to and the children usually enjoy the challenge and rise to it. These will take place in the week of 15<sup>th</sup> May. There will be four tests during the week: Arithmetic, Maths Reasoning and two Reading papers. To support your child, please keep the 5 reads a week going and talk about the text with them to help their understanding. We will soon be introducing 'Reading Buddies' which will help further. Please continue to encourage your child to use 'Mathletics'.

### **Year 1**

Year 1 will undertake a Phonic Screening Check in the week of 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Reading Buddies

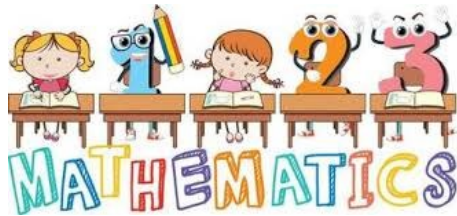
Yesterday we held a parent meeting to introduce Reading Buddies. It is for those children who are not on the Read, Write Inc scheme. It is an on-line resource of e-books that your child will move through according to their level. They will choose a 'Buddy' character who asks them questions about the text as they move through. From this week, children will be able to use Reading Buddies at home. We suggest that Reading Buddies forms 2 or 3 of your child's '5 Reads per Week' and the rest are from a physical book. Please continue to note the 5 Reads in your child's reading records. Information on how to join Reading Buddies from home will be sent to you separately.

Information for parents who couldn't attend the meeting can be found here:

<https://support.oxfordreadingbuddy.com/parent-support/>

Following a question raised by parents regarding whether there is an app to download, please see the response from our Oxford Reading Buddy trainer: "There isn't an app for ORB, parents need to go to the web address in their browser, preferably using Chrome, although other browsers are supported. ORB has been fully optimised to be used on a mobile phone or tablet, if this is the device children are using, so there shouldn't be any issues with children being able to view the eBooks."

## Maths Workshop for Parents, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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



**Please note a slight change to the dates of swimming**, this is to enable Y3/4 to meet Bex Rayner, the footballer who is visiting on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May. There will be no swimming on this date and all the other dates have been shifted forwards.

| Year Groups | Dates                       |
|-------------|-----------------------------|
| Y 3/4       | 20/04, 27/04, 11/05, 18/05  |
| Y 5/6       | 25/05, 08/06, 15/06, 22/06, |
| Y R/1/2     | 29/06, 06/07, 13/07, 20/07  |

## After School Clubs

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

## Bex Rayner, Footballer Visit, Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023



Following the inspirational success of the Lionesses' win of the women's World Cup in 2022, we want to give the children the opportunity to meet a female football player. We have arranged for Bex Rayner, a Sheffield United player and part of the Team GB football squad, to visit on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023 to undertake a fitness session which will be led by Bex Rayner and The Sports for Champions Team.

before Easter. It includes a list of prizes for children based on the amount that they raise. However, there is no obligation for the children to raise money and they will take part in the assembly and the fitness sessions regardless.

Please see the sponsorship form which was sent home





## 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.*

# 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



How do we ensure our children are as safe as possible when we travel in a car? We check we have MOT, we put on lights if needed and make sure children have their seat belts on. We wouldn't dream of putting our children in a car without seat belts so why would we let our child go on-line without parental controls?

Watch this video about setting up parental controls on-line:

<https://youtu.be/Rjkhsilgnso>

**Lunch on Friday 5th May will be in the form of a street party to celebrate the King's Coronation.**

There is one slight amendment to the school lunch menu. Instead of a lolly pop, dessert will be ice cream with strawberries and blueberries. SchoolMoney will remain showing as ice lolly, but please bear in mind that it will be ice cream.

Thank you



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



## *Dates for your diary:*

### April

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| w/c 24th | <i>Bikeability for Y5</i>                     |
| 24th     | <i>Reading Buddies meeting. 3pm @ Halwill</i> |
| 27th     | <i>Swimming Years 3 &amp; 4</i>               |

### May

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| 1st                  | <i>Bank holiday</i>  |
| 2nd                  | <i>Maths Workshop for Parents. 4.30pm (Halwill School)</i> |
| 4th                  | <i>No swimming.</i>  |
| 4th                  | <i>Bex Rayner—footballer visit</i>                         |
| 8th                  | <i>Bank holiday</i>  |
| 9th to 12th          | <i>KS2 SAT's</i>   |
| 11th                 | <i>Swimming Years 3 &amp; 4</i>                            |
| 18th                 | <i>Swimming Years 3 &amp; 4</i>                            |
| 22nd                 | <i>Yr R, 1 &amp; 2 trip to Newquay Zoo</i>                 |
| 24th                 | <i>North Dartmoor search and rescue team visiting</i>      |
| 25th                 | <i>Swimming Years 5 &amp; 6</i>                            |
| 29th May to 2nd June | <i>Half term</i>   |

### June

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|-------------|---|
| 5th         | <i>Non-pupil day</i>                        |
| 8th         | <i>Swimming Years 5 &amp; 6</i>             |
| 15th        | <i>Swimming Years 5 &amp; 6</i>             |
| 22nd        | <i>Swimming Years 5 &amp; 6</i>             |
| 27th & 28th | <i>HCC year 6 transition days</i>           |
| 29th        | <i>Okehampton College year 6 taster day</i> |
| 29th        | <i>Swimming Years R, 1 &amp; 2</i>          |

### July

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| 4th to 6th | <i>Class 4 London Trip</i>                           |
| 6th        | <i>Swimming Years R, 1 &amp; 2</i>                   |
| 13th       | <i>Swimming Years R, 1 &amp; 2</i>                   |
| 13th       | <i>Sports Day. Parents/carers welcome at 1.30pm.</i> |
| 20th       | <i>Swimming Years R, 1 &amp; 2</i>                   |
| 21st       | <i>Last day of term</i>                              |



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

# Bude Junior Lifeboat Run

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**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

**6:00pm Start for Sch Yrs 3&under**

**6:30pm Start for Sch Yrs 4&above**

*This is the 14<sup>th</sup> running of this 1mile race around Bude's  
cycleways and canal towpath*

*Includes Senior 6 Mile Race at 7:15pm  
Race 6 of the Cornish Multi Terrain Race Series*



Online entry at [www.buderats.co.uk/budelifeboatrun](http://www.buderats.co.uk/budelifeboatrun)

[www.facebook.com/budelifeboatrun](http://www.facebook.com/budelifeboatrun)

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