



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

Dear Parents,

A huge well done to Year 6, who aimed high and were resilient throughout their SATs last week. They remained calm and positive and did their very best, which is all we can ask of them. Very well done; we are extremely proud of them. Good luck to Year 2 who have their SATs this week.

We had an excellent week celebrating the King's Coronation. The children of Class 4 sang at Halwill Manor for the residents in aid of the Coronation 'The Big Help Out' and they were a fantastic credit to the school. They sang beautifully and were very respectful of the residents. The residents had a lovely time and sang along with the well-known songs including 'You are my sunshine'. We are very proud of everyone in class 4 for taking part in this very important event for the community.





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Children had a super time meeting Bex Rayner, the England Under 23 footballer. Bex had a real 'Aim High', 'Be Resilient' attitude which she conveyed to the children through her journey through challenges to achieve her dreams. Thank you to all those who contributed with fundraising.



## Maths Workshop for Parents

Mrs Batstone, our Maths Lead, led an excellent parent workshop. Parents who attended commented that they are now much clearer on the current methods and reasons behind them. If you were unable to attend, please see the following powerpoints on the Maths page of our website:

Maths Meeting Summer 2023:

<https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/Summer-2023-Parents-Maths-CPD.pdf>

Information Guide to Using Manipulatives:

<https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/Parents-manipulatives-Guide.pdf>

## Oxford Reading Buddy

This is proving to be a really useful tool in helping children develop their comprehension skills. Therefore, children should be accessing Reading Buddy at home, 2 or 3 times per week. This forms part of their 5 reads per week. Children should be doing the follow-up quizzes and using the interactive elements in the text, where they are asked questions. Even 15 minutes on Reading Buddy can make a difference to children's comprehension. Teachers are monitoring usage and will support children who are unable to access this so please speak to your child's teacher if you are unable to access Reading Buddy at home.

## School Lunches

Thank you to everyone who has booked this week's lunches over the weekend. It does make a considerable difference to the smooth operation when registering classes, in the office and in the kitchen.

Unfortunately, last week, a number of lunches had not been ordered in advance. Whilst we understand that the Bank Holiday threw parents out, it did cause a significant issue in school. Adding children's lunches at the last minute meant that there was insufficient food and consequently some children whose parents had pre-booked ended up with smaller portions as there wasn't enough food to go around. It's a bit like planning dinner at home for 4 people and then 6 arrive. As you can imagine, a stressful situation for those in the kitchen.

To ensure that children whose parents have pre-booked a school lunch don't have reduced portions, **we will only be able to offer a jacket potato option to anyone whose lunch is not pre-booked by midnight on the previous day.**

## Dietary Requirements

Devon Norse, our caterers, have asked that parents complete this 'Special Diet Form' if your child has a food allergy or intolerance. You can either download a copy of the form here:

<https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/halwill-primary-school/parents/school-dinner-menus/> or request a paper copy from the office. Please complete it and return it as soon as possible.

## Teaching Assistants

I am delighted to tell you that, despite the well reported financial pressures on schools, Governors have approved the Federation keeping our additional Teaching Assistants for another year. You will remember that we appointed two additional TAs this year, one to work at Halwill (Thomasin Farrow) and another to work across the Federation (Ella Danan). We recognise that TAs offer much needed support to children so we are very pleased to be able to keep up a high level of TA support in the classrooms.

A huge congratulations to Becky Steward, who has achieved the status of Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA). Miss Steward has worked diligently through this challenging course and demonstrates all the skills required in the classroom. Well done Miss Steward!





## 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. 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 will then begin Class 4 Recorder lessons on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

### 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 <b>Relationships</b>	For being <b>Resilient</b>	For being <b>Resourceful</b>	For being <b>Reflective</b>	For being <b>Respectful</b>
Class 1—Joseph Class 4—Leonie	Class 1—Scarlett Class 2—Freddie Class 3—Hadley Class 4—Summer	Class 2 – Ryan Class 4—Carter		Class 3—Zeejay

**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



# Friends of Halwill Primary School

Friends of the school appreciates that times are hard at the moment, and we don't want to keep pestering for money, but we would like you to consider signing up to easy fundraising. We can raise funds whilst you are shopping online, if you download the app and with the donation reminder applied to your phone or computer the donation will automatically be applied. The donation percentage may seem small but the more parents and carers we have supporting in this way the more we can raise.

We have also listed second hand uniform on Facebook, search for "Halwill Primary School's 2nd Hand Uniform". Simply comment on the photo if there is anything you would like. We are asking for a small donation per item.

Thank you

Friends of Halwill Primary School

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/assets/blt2159bb3d91e9d580/easyfundraising-poster-a4.pdf>



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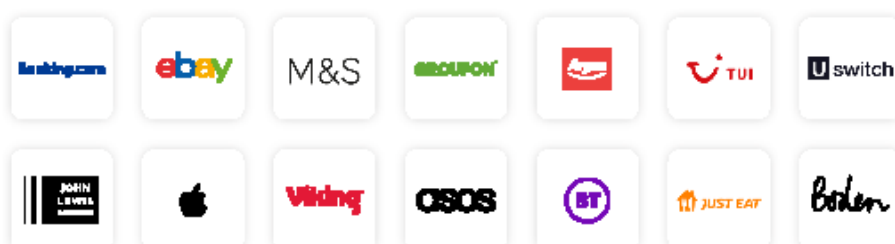
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# Safeguarding at Halwill

## 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

DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR CHILD IS DOING ON-LINE?

Our own survey of our own children had similarly alarming figures to ones in the research below.

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## Primary school research (autumn 2022)



- 23% of children say that they are **never asked what they do when they are online.**
- A **further 24%** say that they are rarely asked.
- 8% say that they **do not have a safe search filter** on their internet.
- 85% **do not know** if they have a safe search filter.
- 16% of children admit **to trying to look up something on the internet that they know they shouldn't.**
- 39% of these children said that they **found what they searched** for on the internet.
- 36% of children say they have **watched a live stream** on the internet.
- 43% of the children say that they **have their own mobile** phone.



## What do we mean by harmful content?



- › Extremist views including terrorism
- › Self-harm and suicide ideation apps and websites
- › On-line bullying
- › Discrimination including racist, homophobic and misogynistic behaviours (INCEL)
- › Acts of violence including sexual violence
- › Pornography
- › Age-inappropriate games
- › Gambling

**Where and when do children come into contact with this?**

## Next steps:

- Get in the game – update your knowledge of what your child is doing
- Show an interest, ask questions from a point of interest, not fear
- Add the safety measures – put on the seatbelts
- **Talk, talk and talk some more – start a conversation!**



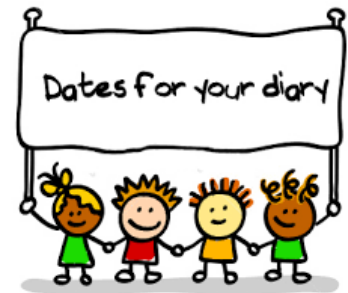
*Dates for your diary:*

May

18th	Swimming Years 3 & 4
22nd	Yr R, 1 & 2 trip to Newquay Zoo
24th	North Dartmoor search and rescue team visiting
25th	Swimming Years 5 & 6
29th May to 2nd June	Half term

June

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



July

4th to 6th	Class 4 London Trip
6th	Swimming Years R, 1 & 2
13th	Swimming Years R, 1 & 2
13th	Sports Day. Parents/carers welcome at 1.30pm.
20th	Swimming Years R, 1 & 2
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



# Why choose school meals for your child?

- ✓ Supporting children's nutrition
- ✓ Tasty and varied menus
- ✓ More convenient than a packed lunch
- ✓ Fuel children for learning
- ✓ Cater for dietary requirements
- ✓ They are completely free\*

\*if you are eligible for free school meals or your child is in KS1

[catering@swnorse.co.uk](mailto:catering@swnorse.co.uk)

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*Fresh Ideas Feeding Minds*

## MYTH BUSTING SCHOOL MEALS

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### "My child is a fussy eater"

Our menu offer variety and choice to suit all tastes. In our experience, children are more likely to try new foods when they have regular school meals in a social setting.

### "I cook a meal in the evening"

We fully understand that some families eat a hot meal together in an evening so we have developed our own cold lunch options and jacket potatoes menu to help support this.

### "I love my school lunches!"

*"I like the different flavours and how tasty it looks on the plate!"*

**School Council Feedback**

### "They're not healthy"

Our menu consist of well-balanced dishes that adhere to the school food standards. Real fruit is used in over 50% of our dessert recipes; **we have reduced sugar content by 25%** and wholemeal flour is used in all of our bread and pastry recipes!

### "My child has a food allergy"

We have developed 'allergen aware' menus for children with medically-defined food allergies. Registration forms can be found on our website.

Did you know, **on average less than 2% of packed lunches** from home meet all of the school food standards?

**Source:** The Independent School Food Plan

[catering@swnorse.co.uk](mailto:catering@swnorse.co.uk)



# Defibrillator Awareness Session

Venue  
Halwill Parish Hall

Date: Thursday 18th May 7pm.

## Contact

D Osborne

07809 688 725



**Free attendance**  
**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**



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**The Occupier**

**Our ref: WO 9727584**

**Date: April 2023**

Dear Customer

**Plot Adjacent To Denelea, Chilla Road (Road From Chilla Methodist Church To Station Road),  
Halwill Junction, EX21 5XS  
on Thursday, 01 June 2023 to Wednesday, 07 June 2023**

We have applied for a permit to undertake an excavation in the road to provide a new water service for a customer on the dates shown above.

So that we can undertake this work safely and efficiently, we'll need to close a small section of Chilla Road (Road From Chilla Methodist Church To Station Road), just south of the junction with Winsford Lane, adjacent to a property called "Denelea".

Grid Reference: SS 44422 00670

Grid Reference (8 figure): SS444008

X (Easting) , Y (Northing): 244422 , 100670

Latitude , Longitude (decimal): 50.784670 , -4.2083783

Latitude , Longitude (degs, mins, secs): 50°47'05"N , 004°12'30"W

What3Words: importing.lame.saloons

Any pre-existing pedestrian access will be maintained.

To ensure that disruption to our customers, local businesses and traffic is kept to a minimum, a road diversion will be put in place which has been agreed with the local Highways Authority. Signs will also be placed in the relevant locations to direct the traffic through the diversion.

Please see overleaf for a plan of the closure location and diversion route.

Please be assured that the Emergency Services have been made aware that the road will be closed and in the unlikely event of an emergency, we will work with them to provide access to any sick or injured parties. Local bus companies, schools and refuse collectors have also been notified.

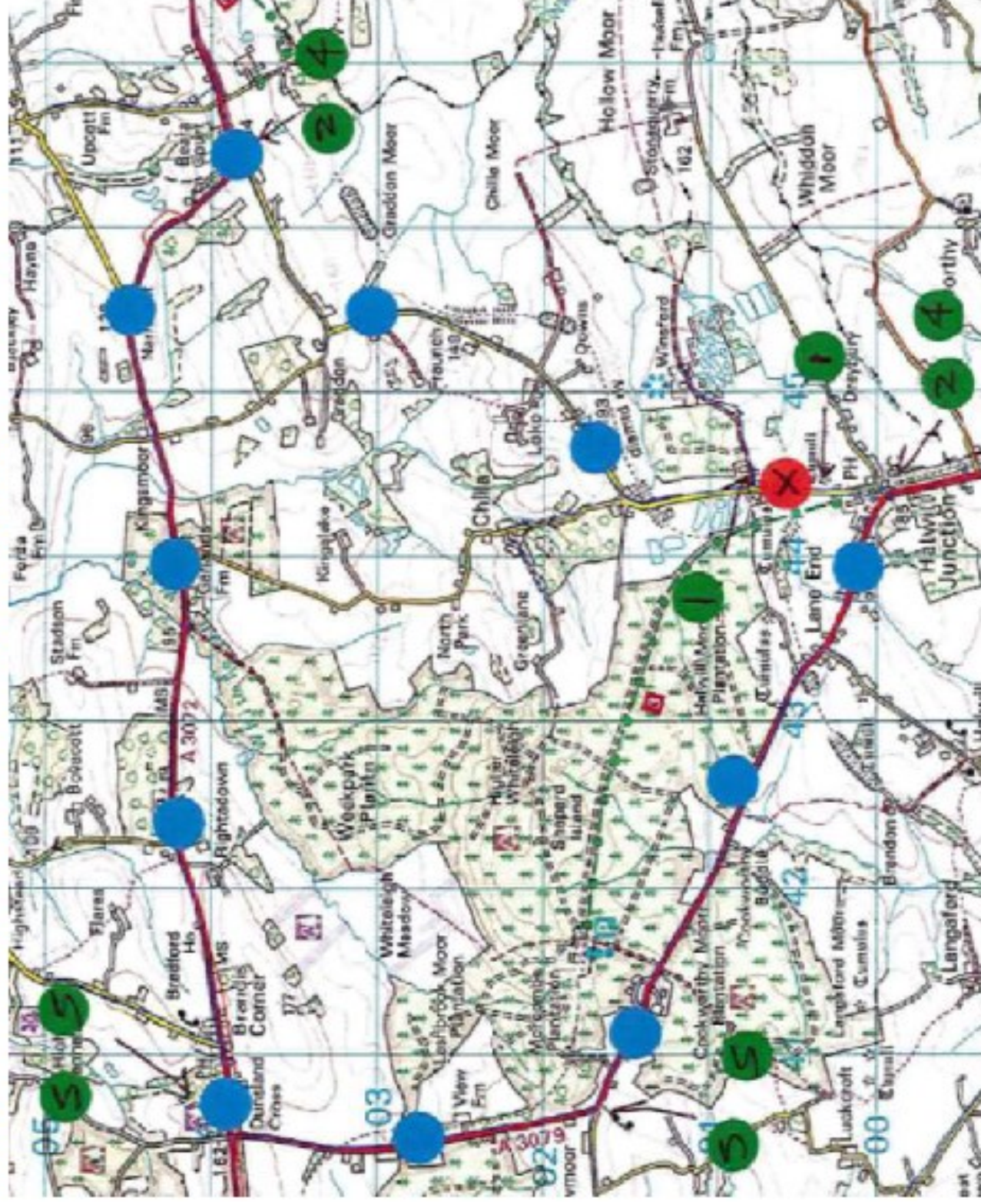
If you have any additional requirements or would like any further information, please contact the South West Water Helpline on 0344 346 2020, quoting the reference at the top of this letter.

Thank you for your patience and understanding whilst we carry out this essential work. We'd like to assure you that every effort will be made to keep disruption to a minimum and for the work to be completed as quickly as possible.

Yours faithfully

South West Water

Red dot with X = closure location, Blue dots = diversion route, Numbered Green dots = diversion signs



If you would like to know more about these works, you can scan the QR code below or log on to <https://one.network/> entering the post code of the works location stated at the top of this letter.





# ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT CENTRE GIRLS OPEN TRIALS



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Thursday 10th August  
Launceston College 3G  
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