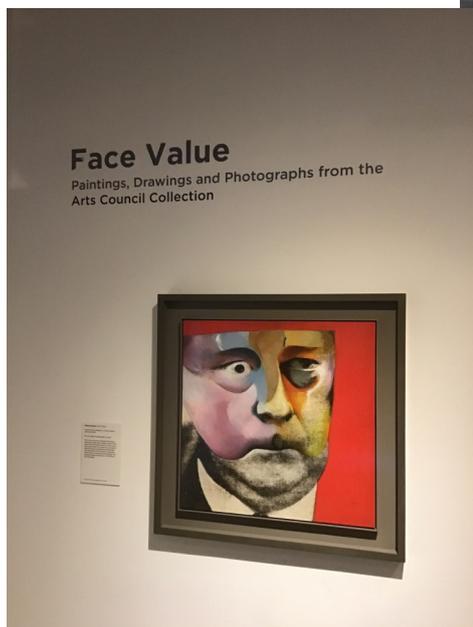


Halwill Primary School
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Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Dear Parents,

Class 4 had a fantastic trip, along with Ashwater pupils, to the Burton Arts Gallery in Bideford last week. They saw the 'Face Value' exhibition and took part in some excellent workshops and they shared their experiences with confidence in Celebration Assembly. The children's superb behaviour was commented on by members of the public. Well done to all the children!



Today some of our pupils have attended the Cross Country at Holsworthy College; this is the first time in a long while since we have been able to attend such events. Good luck to all the children.

Additional Bank Holiday and Term Dates 2022-23

As the additional Bank Holiday for the Queen's Jubilee on Friday 3rd June 2022, falls in half-term, Devon County Council have advised us that staff and children can have an additional day of holiday elsewhere in the year. Governors have agreed that this will be on Tuesday 4th January 2022, therefore children and staff will **return to school after Christmas on Wednesday 5th January 2022.**

Governors have agreed the term dates for 2022 -23. They can be found here on our website: <https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/halwill-primary-school/parents/term-dates/>

COVID Positive –for Halwill Parents' Information Only

Unfortunately, Belinda Midwinter, the Wild Tribe teacher has tested positive for COVID-19.

Her Lateral Flow Test on the morning of Friday 24th September, when she worked at Ashwater School, was negative. She has not attended Halwill School since Tuesday 21st September.

NHS England have yet to confirm if staff and children who had Wild Tribe at Ashwater are regarded as close contacts but since children below 18 years and 6 months and fully vaccinated adults are not required to isolate, the positive COVID case does not affect them. However I have advised Ashwater parents to regularly monitor the health of their child and take a PCR test if they show any COVID symptoms.

Our best wishes go to Mrs Midwinter and we hope for a speedy recovery. She will be isolating for 10 days and her Wild Tribe sessions will be covered by a member of Arena staff

Harvest and Christmas Dates

Rev. Skinner will be joining us for our **Harvest Assembly on Tuesday 5th October at 9:15 am.** Now that we are allowed to, we would like to invite parents to this and it will also enable us to see how feasible inviting parents to Celebration Assembly will be. There is no need to pre-book but please do wear a face covering. Please do not come to school if you or someone you have been in contact with has symptoms of or has tested positive for COVID-19.

Please kindly send in non-perishable foods and toiletries for our Harvest collection which will go the food bank.

Our **Christmas Church Service will be on Thursday December 16th at 9:30 am** at the Baptist Church. Again, we hope parents will be able to attend this, provided the COVID situation allows. Christmas lunch for the children will be Wednesday 15th December. We have not yet set the other Christmas dates.

Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)

The draft policy, accompanying documentation and parent consultation questionnaire are now on our website: <https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/curriculum/relationships-and-sex-education/> Please respond to the questionnaire by Friday 1st October.

Class Pages

Class Pages have now been updated on our website, please do take a look: <https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/halwill-primary-school/children/class-pages/>

Natasha's Law

As you may well be aware, on the 1st October 2021 a new law with regard to packaged food labelling comes into force in the UK. This law is called Natasha's Law. This follows an allergen incident, where a young girl sadly died after eating a food product containing sesame which was not labelled. The law coming into force now means that any packaged item for consumer consumption must now be labelled to provide the consumer a list of the contents of the item, with particular attention paid to allergens on the current 14 allergen matrix which should be marked in bold. This law affects all packaged foods and, therefore, affects anything homemade that would be donated to a fundraiser or similar event. Any homemade items would need to have a list of ingredients provided in order to comply with the law.

Due to Natasha's Law the catering team have now put in place a robust labelling of ingredients.. Any item in a package will now have to carry a label.

All ingredients used for cookery activities will need to be shared with parents before the activity

Any items sent in for birthdays should be pre-packaged with full ingredients. Please do not send in home-made items.

Booking Lunch Via SchoolMoney App

A big thank you as most parents booked via the app, in advance this week. Please do continue to book by **Friday for the following week as this really helps us to run smoothly in the mornings and means learning time can be optimised.** Don't forget to 'check-out' even if your child is on Universal Free School Meals (Class 1 & 2) or is eligible for Pupil Premium.

After School Clubs

If your child does start a club, **we ask that they commit to the full half-term** because it makes organising the club and knowing which children are supposed to be on-site very challenging if children drop-out part way through. We do need to pay our providers and as this is already heavily subsidised by the school, we will still charge if your child does not attend the sessions. Thank you for your support with this.

Mrs Ruh Alford
Executive Headteacher

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



SIMS Parent

If you have not signed on to SIMS Parent, please do take a look. It is your way of ensuring we hold your most up to date contact information as well as your parental consent for day to day things in school



If you have not received your email invitation or are having issues, please email the office.

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 1—Belle Class 3—Albie Class 3—Elsie	Class 2—Bonnie Class 2—Jack Class 2—Henry Class 4—Isla Class 4—Enya		Class 3—Summer Class 4—Elizabeth	Class 1—Olly Class 2—Josh C Class 4—Will C

Dates for your diary:

October

5th *Harvest Assembly 9.15am*

25th to 29th *Half term*

November

1st *Non-pupil day*

2nd *Non-pupil day*

22nd *Flu immunisations*

December

16th *Christmas Church Service 9.30am*

17th *End of term*

January 2022

4th *Non-pupil day*

5th *Term starts*



In Halwill
Parish Hall



Every
Thursday

Enhance has now started again in Hawill Parish Hall every Thursday starting from 23rd of September.

It would be great to see new and existing customers.

Availability is limited so please let me know if you can make it and ring/text **Jordan** on **07503 092001** or send me a message on my Enhance Facebook page.

Date	Time
23 rd September	7-8pm
30 th September	7-8pm
7 th October	7-8pm
14 th October	6-7pm
21 st October	7-8pm
28 th October	7-8pm
4 th November	7-8pm
11 th November	6-7pm
18 th November	7-8pm
25 th November	7-8pm
2 nd December	7-8pm
9 th December	6-7pm
16 th December	7-8pm

Please check the dates for times due to availability in the hall.

Please note that we have not received our electronic consent link yet.

Dear Parents/Carers

We are receiving feedback that a lot of parents are requesting their NHS number and having to wait to receive a letter back. Please do not wait for a letter, if you have the NHS number then please do add it to the electronic consent but if you are experiencing problems with this, we have ensured that this is not a mandatory field therefore please continue with the consent without the NHS number.

For the schools that are yet to receive their electronic consent links we are sending these out in a phased way and you will receive them in due course.

Many thanks.

Immunisation Team

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Dear parents and carers,

We have had an unprecedented demand for our early community Flu vaccination clinics and these early clinics are now full. Most children and young people will be vaccinated in school as in other years and we will be visiting schools from now until January 2022. We will be arranging further community clinics for children who are clinically vulnerable or who have missed their immunisation in the school setting. As soon as we have more clinics available to book into we will send out further information to you, in the meantime please do not call into the Single Point of Access (SPA) to book a community clinic appointment.

Thank you for your understanding and we will be in contact with you again as soon as there is an update.

Best wishes

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