

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

Dear Parents,

Last week ended on an absolute high with the Federation YR, 1 and 2 train trip to Exeter. Firstly, I must commend the children on their exemplary 'Aim High' behaviour from beginning to end. They listened and followed all instructions perfectly, were polite and respectful to each other and all adults. In fact, not only did the museum and train staff comment on their excellent behaviour, we also had members of the public telling us what delightful children they are.

It was a wonderful experience to go on the train and soak up the sights and sounds. Thank you to parents for making arrangements for drop-off and pick-up at the station, which enabled the trip to happen in this way. The children loved seeing the city and comparing to village life, they enjoyed the museum looking at the animals, insects and African artefacts. They particularly enjoyed the Lego exhibition, which he had not known was happening. This was for an additional cost but thanks to the money recently donated by Anglers Paradise, we were able to make the decision to use some of this to pay for the children to go into the Lego exhibition and they absolutely loved it!

Thank you to the staff for all their work with this particularly Mrs Cawsey, who did most of the organising, even though she wasn't able to attend herself. Thank you also to John Lawlor, Chair of Governors and our volunteers Clare Ley and Niall Alford, for helping.





Year 5 are at the Science day at Holsworthy College and I am sure they are having a great day.

This term we are sharing the NSPCC 'Speak Out Stay Safe' virtual assembly with children. Please see the information later in the newsletter.

Staff News

Unfortunately, Mrs Cawsey the SENDCo has been off with COVID since last week and is not back yet. If you were expecting her to be in touch with you, apologies and once she returns, she will endeavour to pick up SEND matters with you. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Y6 Transition Days to Holsworthy College, 12th and 13th July 2022

A reminder that you will need to make arrangements for your child to be dropped-off and collected from Holsworthy College. Please see the letter from them that you should have received for further details. We understand that Holsworthy College have altered timings for some children. Therefore, we have had to change the start of our Leavers' Assembly, please see below.

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly, 6:00 pm, Tuesday 12th July, 2022

Please note the slightly later start time to accommodate changes to the Holsworthy College schedule. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

We are pleased to be able to invite parents, carers and extended family to this special rite of passage for our Year 6 children. Please come to the school office where children will go to the classroom to meet Miss Miners and parents / carers please sign in before going to the hall.

Sports Day, 1:30 – 3:30 pm, Thursday 14th July 2022

We are delighted to welcome parents, carers and extended family to this year's Sports Day on Thursday 14th July. When you arrive, a member of staff will sign you in at the gate and give you a visitor sticker. Please park in the Parish Hall Car Park as usual, unless you have mobility issues.

Please make your way to the back of the field where there will be chairs set up. The Friends of Halwill School, will be serving cold soft drinks to parents /carers. Donations towards these will be gratefully received. The Friends will provide all children with a popsicle as a treat at the end of the events. **Please let us know if your child cannot have a popsicle.**

Please kindly remain in the parents' area during the entirety of the afternoon and we will supervise the children.

Class 4 Victorian Day, Friday 15th July

Class 4 will be using the day to learn about social reform in the Victorian era. Please see Class Dojo for details.

Free School Meals / Pupil Premium

If your financial situation has changed, your child may be entitled to Pupil Premium. This brings other benefits in addition to Free School Meals. In the Federation, we offer a free set of uniform per year, free before and after school clubs, day trips are free and residentials are heavily subsidised by the Federation. For further information, please see the attached poster for further details.

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:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, plus, from 19 April 2022, those with no recourse to public funds (subject to specified income and capital thresholds)
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get) at the time of your application. If your income goes above the threshold in the future, but you remain on Universal Credit, your child will remain eligible. If you applied before 1 April 2018 there was no household income threshold for Universal Credit claimants.

Children who receive any of the above benefits in their own right (i.e. they get benefits payments directly, instead of through a parent or guardian) can also get free school meals.

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.

Uniform

Please use SchoolMoney to purchase NEW uniform before the end of term.

Second-hand uniform sale

There will be a second hand uniform sale after sports day on Thursday 14th July. If you have any items you would like to donate, please drop them off at the office.

Mrs Ruh Alford

Executive Headteacher

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 G Marshall

I am pleased to tell you that this term we will be participating in the **NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* online** programme. This consists of an online assembly and supporting classroom based activities. *Speak out.* It aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse in a child friendly way. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a trusted adult or Childline.

In the online assembly, the *Speak out. Stay safe.* messages are delivered in a fun and interactive way with the help of their mascot Buddy as well as special guest appearances from Ant and Dec.

We have studied the content of the materials and are extremely confident that they are appropriate for primary-school-aged children. By the end of the programme, we're convinced children will feel empowered – knowing how they can speak out and stay safe.

If you would like to know more about the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme you can find information on the NSPCC website www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout or I would be happy to discuss any questions that you may have.

Additional resources

Adapted assembly for home use

The NSPCC has also developed an adapted version of their assembly for parents/carers to use at home with their children. This can be found here: www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/safety. With the help of celebrities, the film focuses on how a child can get support if they have any worries or concerns.

To complement the assembly, there are some resources that can be used to enable further discussion whilst doing activities with your children. These are hosted on the NSPCC website www.nspcc.org.uk/activities.

Online safety hub

You may also like to visit the NSPCC [Online Safety Hub](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/online-safety) where you will find advice and information on a range of different online safety topics including gaming, social media, sharing nudes, parental controls and more.

You will also find online safety information for families of children with additional needs and disabilities. We have worked with Ambitious about Autism and parents and carers who have children with additional needs and disabilities to create activities to help talk about online safety which you can find at www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-families-children-with-send.

Childline Under 12's Website

Childline also have a website with age appropriate advice for primary school children on topics such as bullying. It also has games and other interactive tools. Your child can visit it at www.childline.org.uk/kids.

If you'd like to know more about the NSPCC's work, or take a look at the wide range of information and advice which is available for parents and carers, please visit their website www.nspcc.org.uk/parents.


Talking PANTS with your children

Talk PANTS is a simple conversation to help keep your child safe from sexual abuse. From P through to S, each letter of PANTS provides a simple but valuable rule that can help keep your child safe. You can find out more and download the free resources at www.nspcc.org.uk/pants.

Penguin and Ladybird have partnered with the NSPCC to create a brand new Pantosaurus book aimed at children ages 4 - 8. **You can find copies of the new book on sale, either in Matalan's selected stores and online, selected SPAR stores or at <https://shop.nspcc.org.uk/>.** All profits from the sale of this book will support the NSPCC.

Support the NSPCC

You may be interested in the NSPCC's new selection of BUDDY goodies available from the NSPCC shop at <https://shop.nspcc.org.uk/collections/buddy> which make perfect gifts for children - and all profits go to help keep children safe.



THE FRIENDS OF HALWILL SCHOOL

needs you!

WITHOUT NEW MEMBERS OUR PTFA WILL CLOSE


If you think you can donate a small amount of time to our cause, please come to our *final* meeting so that our children don't miss out on the fantastic 'little extras' that our PTFA provide.

JOIN US

TUESDAY 19th JULY 3PM
HALWILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

CONTACT ELISHA
07562306229
WITH ANY QUESTIONS

A FANTASTIC WAY TO SOCIALISE AND MEET NEW PEOPLE!



Connie in Class 4 has some exciting news to share, on Sunday 10th July she went to the South West Region Club and Regional Challenge Cup finals at the University of Bath and achieved 2 team golds and a gold individual and another individual silver medals in trampolining and DMT.

Well done Connie



Ice cream Friday



Each Friday, Friends will be selling Ice Cream and Lollies by the front of school.



All proceeds go towards fundraising for school.



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



Dates for your diary:

July

11th	HCC Year 5 Science Day
12th	Yr 6 leavers assembly 5.30-7.00pm.
12th & 13th	HCC Yr 6 Transition days
14th	Swimming Y 5 & 6
14th	Sports day part 2 (Parents invited) 1.30-3.30pm
15th	Class 4 Victorian Day
19th	Friends meeting, 3pm
21st	Swimming Y 5 & 6
21st	Halwill Open Evening and Summer Concert 3.30-5.30pm.
22nd	End of summer term

September

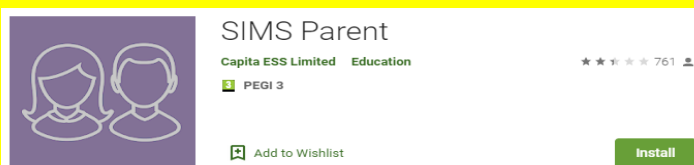
1st	Inset day
2nd	Inset day
5th	Pupils return to school



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.

Sallywags invites you to our end of term

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Friday 22nd July ~ Halwill Parish Hall

Early Years & Key Stage 1 (up to School Year 2)

5.30pm - 6.30pm

Children must be accompanied

Key Stage 2 (School Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)

7pm - 8.30pm

Tuck Shop, Temporary Tattoos and Glow
Sticks available for a small charge



50p Entry

The

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KIDS  SUMMER
TAKEOVER! EXETER
LIBRARY

Saturday
27th August
10am - 4pm

FREE
EVENT!



KIDS IN LIBRARIES

T-SHIRTS

Face painting

Exeter Science Centre

Didi-cars

Carnival games

POPCORN MACHINE

ANIMAL HQ

Libraries
Unlimited

EXPERIMENTS

Fab Lab Exeter

Bouncy Castle

Crafts