

Halwill Primary School  
Newsletter No.35  
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## *Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other*

Dear Parents,

I am sorry that I am not in school at the moment as I have COVID, however, I hope to be in later this week.

The Year 6 Leavers Assembly was a wonderful occasion. The children spoke from the heart about their memories and with such confidence. Thank you to parents for attending and for your support throughout your child's time at Halwill. We wish the children every success in the future.

Thank you so much to parents and carers for joining us at Sports day last week. I have had feedback that it was a fabulous afternoon!

### Heat Wave

Please refer to my letter from yesterday regarding procedures for managing in the heat wave: <https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/Heatwave-Halwill-17.7.22.pdf>

### Year 6 Presentation of Bibles

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July, Lorraine Crocker will be presenting the Year 6 children their bibles in assembly. Lorraine has a long association with the Baptist Church and knows many of the children from Scallywags so she is a fitting person to undertake this important presentation. This will be for children and staff only.

### Open Evening & Summer Concert, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July, 3:30 - 5:30 pm

We look forward to welcoming you on Thursday, the plan is:

**3:30 - 4:30 Open Evening** - This is an informal opportunity to meet class teachers and look at your child's work from this year. If you have any comments or questions about your child's report you can raise it with the teacher but if you feel you require a meeting, please ask and they will arrange one with you. If your child is moving to a new class, you will be able to go and see the teacher in the new classroom. Tea / coffee will be served by the Friends, donations for which will be gratefully received.

**4:30 - 5:30 Summer Concert** - this will include singing by all children and instrumental pieces by those having lessons with Mr Rogozinsky or Miss Hayes, both of whom will be present to accompany the children.

### Non-Statutory Sex Education for Y5/6, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July

This is an important part of Year 5/6 education. Please see a letter from Miss Miners, Head of Teaching and Learning, regarding this:

<https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/Parent-letter.pdf>

For further information about our Relationships and Sex Education Policy and the resources we use, please see our website. <https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/curriculum/relationships-and-sex-education/>

If you have any questions about the session, please contact the office and we will arrange for Miss Miners to call you and discuss this.

### 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 residential 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](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

You may have noticed uniform out on tables in front of school. If you would like second-hand uniform, please take a look. Please give a small donation to Friends if you would like anything.

## Wild Tribe

Class 4 will have Wild Tribe when we return after the Summer break. On Wild Tribe days, please can children bring in waterproofs to wear over school clothes and wellington boots. If they don't have waterproofs then some other long clothing to cover arms and legs (not jeans) should be sent in. Long hair should be tied up.

## Victorian Day

Well done to Class 4 for participating in their Victorian Day, you all looked fantastic. The children were so engaged and interested in learning more about how it may have felt to be a child at school in the Victorian era. Miss Miners asked the children their opinions about Victorian Day and they said "it was a great educational day; a fun experience that helped us learn", which was great to hear as that's what school is all about.

## End of Term

This has been another challenging year, with Covid hitting us in the Autumn term. However, it has been wonderful to have a full year with the children in school and to have been able to offer all the trips, parent assemblies and wider opportunities again.

I would like to thank all the staff, whatever their role in school, for their hard work and commitment. Without which, all that happens for the children would not be possible.

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July is the last day of term and children return on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September. Wishing you and your children, a very good summer break.

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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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.

# SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITY DAYS

BOOK A PLACE NOW - FIRST COME FIRST SERVED - LIMITED SPACES - FUN THEMED DAYS

## Summer Holiday Performing Arts Activity Days:

Location: **Hatherleigh Primary School, EX20 3JB**

Times: 9:00am - 3:00pm

Run by *Jessica Squire Dance* for **ALL primary school aged children**

- Themed performing arts days filled with dance, drama, arts & crafts.
- Expect dance routines, dance & drama games, art & craft activities.
- **PLUS:** mini show to parents/carers @ 2:45pm each day.



**Dates & themes:** feel free to wear outfits (inc fancy dress) that fit the theme too!

Thursday 18/8: **DISNEY DAY!** A day filled with your top Disney characters and songs!

Friday 19/8: **DINOSAUR DAY!** Roarrrrr! It's time to dance like dinosaurs!

Monday 22/8: **PIXAR PARTY!** From movies like Cars, Planes, and all your Pixar favourites!

Friday 26/8: **SUMMER FUN!** Fun activities, games & dances perfect for celebrating summer!

**BOOKING DEADLINE 22.7.22\*** YOU **MUST** PRE-BOOK A SPACE - days fill quickly so BOOK NOW!

\* You may be able to book past the deadline but Jessica is getting married in July and will then be on honeymoon so doesn't want to be taking bookings.

**COST:** £25 if you book one date or **discount:** £20 per day if you book more than one day/child

**ADVANCED BOOKING ESSENTIAL:** Book your child's place NOW! Contact Jessica Squire  
Email: [jessicasquire.perform@gmail.com](mailto:jessicasquire.perform@gmail.com) or text/call 07746892660 for more information

### 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—Thorin Class 4—Whole class for Victorian Day	Class 3—Jack S			Class 1—Charlie Class 2—Freddie Class 2—Willoby Class 3—Emelia Class 3—Georgina



# 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 19<sup>th</sup> JULY 3PM**  
**HALWILL PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**CONTACT ELISHA**  
**07562306229**  
**WITH ANY QUESTIONS**

A FANTASTIC WAY TO SOCIALISE AND MEET NEW PEOPLE!



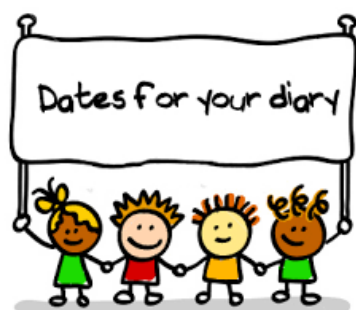
### *Dates for your diary:*

#### July

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

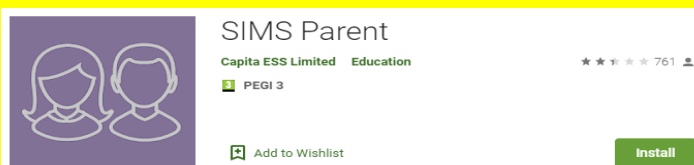
1st Inset day  
2nd Inset day  
5th Pupils return to school



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

# DISCO



**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**





Hatherleigh Festival  
SPONSORED EVENT



# MINI FEST'

HATHERLEIGH COMMUNITY CENTRE, EX20 3HE

23 JULY 2022 - FREE ENTRY 10AM-4PM

**LOCAL MAKERS & MARKET**

**LIVE MUSIC**

**CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT**

**CHILLI COMP'**

Pay £5 for a bowl, sample them all and vote for your  
winner. Profits in aid of Ukraine.

**BAR, REFRESHMENTS & PIZZAS**

**CRAFT WORKSHOPS**

**NATURE WALKS & TALKS**

10AM: Discovering Moths

11AM: Bumblebee Workshop\*\*

1:30PM: River Dipping

3PM: Introduction to Lichens

8:30PM: Bat Walk

\*\*BUMBLEBEE WORKSHOP BOOKINGS:

[jpullin@devonwildlifetrust.org](mailto:jpullin@devonwildlifetrust.org)



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