



Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Dear Parents,

Welcome to bumper edition of the newsletter as we have lots of exciting opportunities for the children to share with you.

I was so impressed with the super 'Aim High' and "Be Resilient" attitude of all the children who attended the cross country event at Holsworthy College last Monday. I have also had reports from staff and parents that all the children cheered each other on and supported each other demonstrating their wonderful 'Be Respectful' and 'Take Care of Each Other' approach.

Well done to all the children but special mention should be given to:

Y3/4 Girls

2nd Amelia Beare (Ashwater)

3rd Chloe Little (Halwill)

Y3/4 Boys

2nd Sidney Brown (Halwill)

Y5/6 Girls

2nd Ida May (Halwill)

I would also like to thank Miss Frayn and all the staff who took the children. Almost 70 children were taken across the Federation and almost 50 from Halwill. I am so pleased that we have been able to be so inclusive, though I must commend Miss Frayn and Mrs Wilson who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to secure the coaches to enable the children to attend. They are in the process of organising the next cross country event at Torrington on Friday 14th October and information will be shared about this shortly. This one is more competitive so it is likely that there will be a restriction on numbers.

Dogs Trust Workshops

The children have had an informative and fun workshop today. Please see a poster later in the newsletter. <https://www.learnwithdogstrust.org.uk/safety/bedogsmart-parentsleaflet.pdf>

Flu Immunisations

A reminder that the deadline for the Flu immunisations is 9th October midnight. They will be visiting the school on the 18th October. To register please follow this link: <https://schoolimms.hcrgcaregroup.com/flu/2022/devon>

Exeter Cathedral Outreach Chorister Programme for Year 5 & 6

I am delighted that Mrs Cawsey has enabled us to be part of the Exeter Cathedral "Chorister Outreach Programme".

This begins with three visits to the school from Andrew Downton, Singing Development Leader. These began last Friday 30th September and the next two sessions will be, Friday 14th October and Tuesday 8th November.

The concert performance will take place at **Exeter Cathedral on the afternoon of Saturday 12th November 2022**. Parents will need to take children to and from the concert and warmly invited to watch the concert.

Timings for the day are:

1.30-2.00pm: Arrive to allocated space (Please ensure that children have had lunch and been to the toilet before they arrive)

2.15pm: Rehearsals begin with opportunities to rehearse schools' individual items as well as massed songs.

4.00pm: Short break (Children may wish to bring some refreshments)

4.25pm: All performers into "offstage" position

4.30pm: Concert

5.20pm-5.40pm: Concert finishes and schools leave

Nearer the time, we will send a link to a Google form for you to confirm if your child is participating. Children will need to wear full school uniform.

Appledore Book Festival Author Visit

I am pleased to tell you that author/Illustrator, Joseph Witchall will be visiting the children on Wednesday 5th October. Joseph is one of the authors attending the Appledore Book Festival. He will talk to the children and read from some of his books and there will be an opportunity for the children to ask questions.


Tiny Travels – Black History Month Activity for Class 1

On the morning of Tuesday 18th October, Scallywags Pre-School have organised for Tiny Travels activities to take place in the Parish Hall as part of Black History Month. They have kindly invited Halwill Class 1 to join. School staff will accompany the children to the hall and as you have already completed permission for local walking trips, you won't need to complete a form for this. There will be no cost to parents for this as the School are covering our share of the costs.


Tiny Travels mission is to help children in Devon, a county where cultural diversity is minimal, learn about different countries and cultures through fun, hands-on experiences. There will be an African area to help children learn about the vibrant and diverse cultures of the African continent.

With the colourful photos and fun facts of the backdrops bringing the countries to life, children can also explore crafts, instruments, and play foods to learn about different cuisines. In each country area, there are musical buttons to hear different musical styles found in that country as well as smelling pots for a fully immersive experience including authentic, child-safe, crafts, trinkets, fabrics and flags. Everything has been selected with very young children in mind

 Smelling sensory pots with dried teas, spices and herbs from around the world

 Sound buttons with different music, language and anthem recordings

 Custom-made play food to learn about different cuisines

 Puzzles and open-ended play items with themes from different countries

 Books written by authors across Africa to suit different age levels

Harvest Festival Friday 21st October, 9:15 am

We are pleased to be able to invite parents and wider family to our Harvest Festival. Miss Squire is working with the children on their singing of 'Autumn Days' and 'We plough the fields and scatter'. She has suggested that any extra listening to these songs at home or in the car is highly encouraged and will really help the children to learn the songs, the tune and the words. We will be collecting non-perishable foods and toiletries for the Holsworthy Food Bank.

Change of Use of Pedestrian Gate at Drop-Off and Pick-Up

The majority of parents and children enter and exit through the pedestrian gate to the right of the vehicle gates. This pedestrian gate is on a timer **and will continue to be used** with its current timings.

A handful of parents use the pedestrian path to the left of the drive near the Wild for Learning Area and the pedestrian gate at the end of this. However, this gate is a manual gate and has no timer on it. It requires someone to lock and unlock it before and after drop-off and pick-up. Anything that requires someone to lock and unlock manually is liable to human error so to avoid this risk, we have taken the decision to **keep this gate locked**. Apologies for any inconvenience but I hope you will understand the reason for this change.

Therefore, the only access to school site, moving forwards will be via the pedestrian gate to the right of the vehicle gates.

This is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and discuss their academic and pastoral development and needs. This year we plan to return to live meetings but if any parent would prefer a virtual meeting, this will also be offered.

Nearer the time, you will be able to book your 10 minute slot, via the office.

Staff News

Last week I told you that Thomasin Farrow has been appointed on a fixed term appointment to help support plug the gaps in learning as a result of COVID. In addition, we have appointed Ella Dannan as a Teaching Assistant for the year. Ella will work across the Federation and will be part-time at Halwill. Ella has a Level 3 qualification in Early Years and has experience in Scallywags Pre-School. We welcome Ella to the team.

Friends' Pumpkin & Dress-up Challenge

It was great to meet the new 'Friends of Halwill School' team last Thursday. They have lots of ideas for the year. The first of which is a 'Pumpkin and Dress-up Challenge'.

Children are invited to post a picture of their pumpkin and / or a picture of themselves dressed up for Halloween to Class Dojo by Wednesday 2nd November. They need to send in £1 to enter the Pumpkin Competition and £1 for the Dress-up. Please put this in an envelope with your child's name and send in to school and this will be passed to the 'Friends'.

Christmas Dates

Yes! We are already thinking about Christmas. Here are dates for your diary. Further details will follow nearer the time.



Thursday 1 st December	Non-uniform Day – children to bring in a hamper item or £1 to Friends' Christmas fund. 3:30 – 5:00 pm Christmas Craft Party 5:00 pm Christmas Tree Light Switch-On – parents / carers welcome
Wednesday 7 th December	9:30am Class 1&2 Christmas Production Parents welcome 2:30 pm Class 1&2 Christmas Production – Parents welcome
Tuesday 13 th December	2:20 pm Class 3 Christmas Production 3:00 pm Class 4 Christmas Production Parents welcome 5:30 pm Class 3 Christmas Production 6:15 pm Class 4 Christmas Production Parents welcome
Wednesday 14 th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 16 th December	Church Service in the Baptist Chapel – Parents welcome

Mrs R. 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



Dates for your diary:

October

3rd	<i>Dogs Trust visit</i>
5th	<i>Joseph Witchall Appledore Book Festival</i>
5th	<i>Okehampton College Open Evening</i>
7th	<i>9am Foyer Village Hall - Scallywags Bag2School</i>
14th	<i>Exeter Cathedral Outreach Programme</i>
18th	<i>Class 1 Scallywags Black History Awareness Month</i>
18th	<i>Flu Immunisations</i>
21st	<i>9.15am Harvest Festival</i>
24th	<i>October half term begins</i>
31st-1st Nov	<i>Inset days</i>



November

2nd	<i>Pupils return to school</i>
2nd	<i>Friends Pumpkin and Dress up Challenge</i>
15th	<i>1.45-6pm Parent Consultation</i>

December

1st	<i>Non-uniform Day</i> <i>3:30 – 5:00 pm Christmas Craft Party</i> <i>5:00 pm Christmas Tree Light Switch-On</i>
7th	<i>9:30am Class 1&2 Christmas Production Parents welcome</i> <i>2:30 pm Class 1&2 Christmas Production – Parents welcome</i>
13th	<i>2:20 pm Class 3 Christmas Production</i> <i>3:00 pm Class 4 Christmas Production</i> <i>5:30 pm Class 3 Christmas Production</i> <i>6:15 pm Class 4 Christmas Production</i>
14th	<i>Christmas Lunch</i>
16th	<i>Church Service in the Baptist Chapel</i>

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
	Evie Class 2 Finley Class 2 Hadley Class 3 Chloe L Class 2 Alfie Class 4	Zeejay Class 3 Lily Class 4	Daisy Class 1 Georgina Class 4	Poppy Class 1 Elsie Class 1