



Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Dear Parents,

Well done to all the children who took part in the Holsworthy College Cross County. They all aimed high and were resilient. Particular well done to the following children:

Year 5/6 girls: Leonie 4th & Summer 5th. Year 5/6 boys: Alfie 3rd and Sidney 4th

Year 4 girls: Emily 5th. Year 4 boys: Henry 2nd

Year 4, 5 & 6 came runners up in the "team" competition.

Selection for the more challenging Torrington Cross Country, on Friday 13th October, will be made shortly and if your child is selected, they will receive a letter for this.



Key Stage 2 children from Halwill and Ashwater thoroughly enjoyed their visit from Clive Pig last week. He really helped to bring the History topic to life through storytelling.



Illness

It is important children are in school if they are well enough to be, however, we do also have guidance to follow to avoid spreading of diseases to other children and staff. Therefore, please note the following:



Latest Government Guidance of COVID

What happens if a staff member or my child tests positive for COVID-19?

For children and young people aged 18 and under who test positive for COVID-19, the advice is to try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for three days. This is because children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults.

Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result are advised to try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for five days, which is when they are most infectious.

NHS Advice on Diarrhoea and Vomiting

Stay off school or work until you've not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours). If you also have a high temperature or do not feel well enough to do your normal activities, try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until you feel better.

Friends of Halwill School

There will be a Friends of Halwill School AGM on Wednesday 18th October at 2:30 pm. All welcome



Harvest Assembly

We look forward to welcoming parents and carers to our Harvest Assembly on Friday 20th October at 2.30pm.

Photographer for Leadership Focus

Leadership Focus is a magazine for headteachers and school leaders. We have an exciting opportunity as the Federation will be featured in a forthcoming on-line edition regarding the benefits and challenges of small rural schools. In the next week or so, a photographer will come in to both schools and take photos for the feature.



If you consent to your child's photograph being taken by the Leadership Focus photographer and appearing in the magazine feature, in print, on-line and on social media, please complete this form:

<https://forms.gle/zJWKgm8N8tDNbZ8w9>

Please note that consenting to your child appearing in the magazine does not guarantee that they will be in it. Once the date is confirmed, we will let you know.

Year 6 Parents - Apply for Your Child's Secondary School Place

New Secondary School



Applications for your child to start in year 7 at secondary school in September 2024 opened on 1 September 2023 and close on 31 October 2023. You need to apply even if you already have a child at college.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place/>

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

HOW TO COPE WITH TANTRUMS

Click here for tips and advice on dealing with tantrums:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/cope-with-tantrums/>



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 3—Megan Class 3—Joshua Class 4—Chloe Class 4—Charlie	Class 2 - Dougie Class 4—Sidney	Class 1—Ellis	Class 2—Chloe Class 3—Harry Class 3—Henry Class 4—Leonie	

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



Dates for your diary:

October

4th	Okehampton College open evening
9th	Gifted & Talented athletics trials Yr 5 & 6
13th	Torrington Cross Country
16th	Yr 5 & 6 girls football tournament at HCC
17th	Flu immunisations years R to 6
18th	Vision screening Yr R
18th	Friends of Halwill AGM 2.30pm. All welcome.
20th	Harvest Assembly 2.30pm.
23rd to 27th	Half term
30th	Non-pupil day
31st	Deadline to apply for your year 6's secondary school place.

November

3rd	Home Learning Projects to be submitted
6th	Debating after school club (rescheduled date)
6th	KS1 Multi Skills Y1 and 2 at HCC
9th	Tempest Photos—individuals and families
10th	Parents viewing of Home Learning projects. 3.00pm.
20th	Yr 3 & 4 Tag Rugby Festival at HCC
21st	Parents consultation 1.45-6pm.

December

15th	End of term
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January

2nd	Non-pupil day
3rd	Start of term

February

12th to 16th	Half term
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March

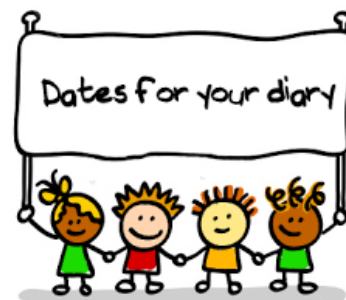
11th	KS1 Performing Arts Festival Y1 and 2 at HCC
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June

24th	Yr 5 & 6 Cricket Festival at HCC
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July

8th	Beach Festival Y3 and 4 at Bude
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Please see the following message which we have been asked to share with you by Devon County Council:

We believe that in order for a pupil to fully benefit from their education, good attendance is crucial.

As of September 2013, an amendment to the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006 came in to force and greater clarity was introduced to the issue of schools authorising absence requests. These changes reinforced the Government's view that every minute of every school day is vital and that pupils should only be granted authorised absences by the school in 'exceptional circumstances'.

A family holiday is not normally considered by the Government to be an 'exceptional circumstance' and therefore will not be authorised by the school.

Should you choose to take your child out of school without the authorisation of the school, then Parental Responsibility Measures could be instigated. This could mean receiving any of the following;

- *A Penalty Notice*
- *A summons to the Magistrate Court which could result in a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a term of imprisonment for up to 3 months.*

Schools are required to notify the Local Authority if a pupil has a number of unauthorised absences. Unauthorised absences can be acquired when;

- 1) Leave has been requested, but the circumstances are such that the school is unable to authorise the leave and it is taken anyway.*
- 2) Leave is not requested and/or the school has grounds to believe that the child has been taken out of school for an avoidable reason (example – a family holiday). Only the Head teacher can authorise an absence. This year there have been occasions when schools have been notified that the pupil is sick, but the school later discovers and reasonably believes that the reason given for the absence is not genuine.*
- 3) A child continually arrives late after the registration period has closed.*

Schools need to notify the Local Authority in all of the circumstances listed above.

Should a Penalty Notice be issued as a result of unauthorised absence then one notice will be issued to each parent/carer for each child involved. Currently, each Penalty Notice is for £120, which is reduced to £60 if paid within the first 21 days. If a Penalty Notice goes unpaid after 28 days, then court proceedings will be initiated.

We understand the disappointment that the refusal of a leave request may cause, but as you can appreciate this policy represents the school's responsibility and commitment towards providing your child's education and supporting their future life opportunities.

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:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).
- Income Support (IS).
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA).
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA).
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income that does not exceed £16,190).

Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment you get for a further 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).

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.

Friends of Halwill Primary School

"The Friends of Halwill school" are parents who work together to help enrich the experiences of school, for example supplying craft and snacks at the Christmas Party! We are always looking for help and support, whether it's offering ideas, help at events etc we would love to have you on board.

Other ways to support Friends is to sign up to easy fundraising, your shopping online can mean a donation to the school.

Or buying name labels from My Nametags, by using the school ID 28989 the school can get a donation from the sale and school uniform is more likely to get reunited with its owner!

We also have Facebook pages for Friends "Friends of Halwill Primary School" and "Halwill Primary School's 2nd hand uniform" where for a small donation you can find some good quality used uniform.

Thank you
Friends of Halwill Primary School

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

<https://www.mynametags.com/>



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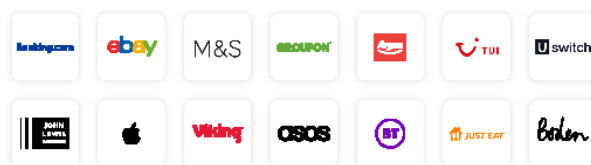
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Friends of Halwill

AGM

18th October, 2.30pm

All welcome

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



School Age Immunisation Service



Academic Year 2023/24

**HALWILL PRIMARY SCHOOL
DV113151**

**Cornwall and Devon
School-Age Immunisation Service**

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Email: Kernowhealthcic.schoolimmsdevon@nhs.net

Website: www.kernowhealthcic.org.uk

Dear Parent/Guardian

Your child's annual nasal flu vaccination is now due

The School-Age Immunisation Service is delivering the flu immunisation programme in Cornwall's and Devon's schools on behalf of NHS England & Improvement. Flu can be a very unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable friends and family by preventing the spread of flu.

In 2023/24 all children in Primary Schools from Reception to year 6 (inclusive) will be offered the vaccine. The vaccination is free and recommended for young children; it is administered by a quick and simple spray up the nose. Please enter www.nhs.uk/child-flu to access information explaining the vaccination programme which also includes details about the small number of children for whom the nasal vaccine is not appropriate. The patient information leaflet is also in the attached link: [FLUENZ Tetra, INN-influenza vaccine \(live attenuated, nasal\) \(medicines.org.uk\)](http://FLUENZ Tetra, INN-influenza vaccine (live attenuated, nasal) (medicines.org.uk)).

We are due to visit your child's school on **17th October 2023**. In order to access the online consent form, please enter or click on the following link <https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu> PLEASE ENSURE YOU ENTER THE FULL UNIQUE SCHOOL REFERENCE CODE. The code for your child's school is: **DV113151**

Please submit your consent form by **midday 13th October 2023** to ensure your child receives their vaccination. If you experience any problems accessing the form please telephone 01872 221105 for Cornwall schools and 01392 342678 for Devon schools and the team will be happy to help. Please note that as in previous years you must opt into the programme. If a consent form is not submitted your child will not be vaccinated.

If your child becomes wheezy or has their asthma medication increased after you submit this form, please contact us on the numbers above.

If you decide you do not want to vaccinate your child against flu, it would help us if you still complete and submit the consent form giving the reason. This will help us to plan and develop the service. Please tell us if you need this information in a different format.

Yours faithfully

School-Age Immunisation Team
Kernow Health

Chair: Dr Andrew Craze

Acting Chief Executive: Laura Wheeler

Kernow Health CIC | Company Number: 07551978 | Registered Office: 1st Floor, Cudmore House, Oak Lane, Truro, Cornwall, TR1 3LP




Okehampton College OPEN EVENING

*Wednesday
4th October 2023*

An opportunity for Students and Families in Years 4,5,6 to visit the College and meet existing students who will be on hand to give guided tours. There will also be an opportunity to attend a presentation by the Principal. Full details can be found on the College Website and promoted through the Primary Schools.

If you are unable to attend on the 4th October alternative visits can be arranged on either Thursday 5th, Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 18th October. For further information please contact the College.

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