

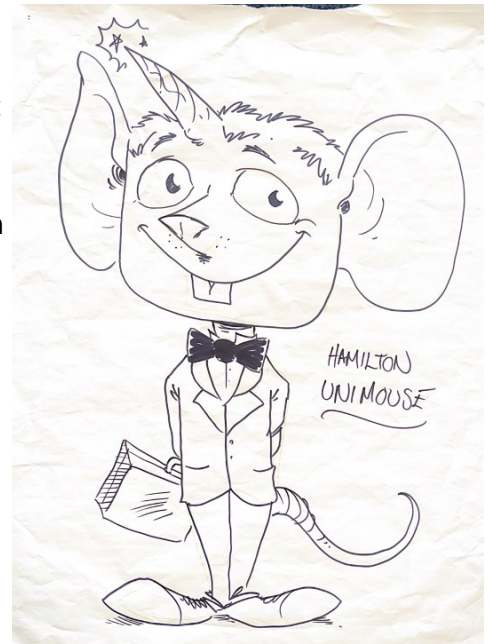


Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Dear Parents,



Author/Illustrator, Joseph Witchall visited the children last week. Joseph is one of the authors attending the Appledore Book Festival. Joseph led an excellent session and showed the children his illustrations and explained how the illustration can help you think about its character. He worked with the children and used their ideas to create these two super characters which can be used as a stimulus for writing.



Good luck to the Y5/6 girls who are attending the Girls Football Tournament today. Earlier in the term we looked at the achievement of the women's national team and I am sure this will inspire the girls to 'Aim High' and 'Be Resilient'.

Class 3 Clive Pigg Visit Wednesday 12th October

Clive Pig will deliver a storytelling workshop to help consolidate children's knowledge and understanding of their Mayan history topic. This will take place at Halwill School. You should have already received a letter about this.

Cross Country at Torrington on Friday 14th October

This is a more competitive race than the Holsworthy one so we have had to be selective about who is able to attend. Letters were sent out last week to those who will be involved.

Exeter Cathedral Outreach Chorister Programme for Year 5 & 6

A reminder of the arrangements for the Exeter Cathedral "Chorister Outreach Programme".

This begins with three visits to the school from Andrew Downton, Singing Development Leader. These began on 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.

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.

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'.

I wrote to you on Friday regarding the sickness bug and action the school has taken as well as further advice for parents. Please also see this poster for further information.



UK Health
Security
Agency



Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

Christmas Dates

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

Year 6 parents

Have you applied for your child's school place yet? The deadline to make your application to the Local Authority is the 31st October 2022.

You can apply online by visiting www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline or you can collect a hard copy of the application form from the school office.

Please be advised that if you don't apply or apply after the closing date of the 31st October 2022, your application will be considered after all timely applications, and this may mean that you miss out on a place at your preferred or local school. Places are not held in reserve for people that apply late.

It is important that you make your application before the closing date to give your child the best chance of getting a place at one of your preferred schools.

Please don't assume you don't need to apply and that you will be allocated a place at the local secondary school if you don't. You must make an application and give the Local Authority your preferences. If you don't tell the admissions team where you want your child to go to school, you will run the risk of being allocated a place at a school that isn't the nearest school, or a preferred school, and it may also be a school to which you are unable to transport your child to.

If you need help or assistance with the application process, please speak to the school office or contact the admissions team on 0345 155 1019 or email admissions@devon.gov.uk

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

Keeping Safe at Halloween

Switch to Battery Powered Tea Lights
Remember the fire risks of fancy dress
Be seen whilst walking around

For more information, please click here: <https://www.dsfire.gov.uk/news/safety-during-halloween>



Be Dog Smart—Essential safety tips and advice for your family.



Click [here](#) to view the full leaflet or visit:

<https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/bedogsmart-parentsleaflet.pdf>

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

12th	Clive Pigg visit for years 3/4
14th	Torrington Cross Country
14th	Exeter Cathedral Outreach Programme
18th	Class 1 Scallywags Black History Awareness Month
18th	Flu Immunisations
21st	9.15am Harvest Festival
24th	October half term begins
31st-1st Nov	Inset days

November

2nd	Pupils return to school
2nd	Friends Pumpkin and Dress up Challenge
8th	Exeter Cathedral Outreach Programme
10th	Tempest Individual & family photos
12th	Year 5/6 Exeter Cathedral Music Concert
14th	Deadline for Home Learning Projects to be submitted
15th	1.45-6pm Parent Consultation
25th	Display of Home Learning Projects for Parents / Carers to view 2:45 pm

December

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

January

3rd	First day of Spring term
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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
Joseph—class 1 Mollie—class 4	Ada—class 1 Leo—class 2 Dexter—class 3	Dougie—class 2 Drake—class 4	Bronwen—class 3	Ida-May—class 4