



Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Dear Parents

Good luck to all the runners selected for the Stephen Shields Great Torrington cross country on Friday. This is a highly competitive event and we wish them all the best.



Spectators are welcome to come and watch in the designated areas. Parking spaces at the rugby club can fill quickly so please allow time for parking.



YR4 – 10.20 (Boys and Girls to start line) – Distance = 1.5K approx.
YR5 – 10.40 (Boys and Girls to start line) – Distance = 2.2K approx.
YR6 – 11.00 (Boys and Girls to start line) – Distance = 2.2K approx.

Harvest Assembly

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



Black History Month



This year, to mark Black History Month, our school will be taking part in the Great Big Live Assembly. This is a 20-minute virtual assembly that will connect together more than 500 schools simultaneously - around 300,000 children.

The Great Big Live Assembly celebrates the ways that schools up and down the UK are embracing those from a variety of backgrounds into their classrooms and communities. It celebrates Black women from history who continue to inspire us all. It reinforces the importance of respecting others, even those who appear very different. It invites us all to play our part to make sure everybody feels welcome and valued.

The Great Big Live Assembly is organised by the charity Sanctuary Foundation. Dr Krish Kandiah OBE, who leads the charity and will be hosting the assembly, has worked in child welfare for over 16 years. He is an inspirational communicator, children's author and diversity trainer. He is also an experienced foster carer who has received trauma training and will ensure the event is led in an engaging and sensitive way.

The Great Big Live Assembly is co-hosted by a 12-year-old BAFTA-award winning journalist and BBC Presenter Gemma Hunt, best known for presenting Swashbuckle and Songs of Praise.

The Great Big Live Assembly is interactive, informative and inspirational. It encourages children to talk about the challenges and benefits of cultural diversity. We hope this will make a positive impact in our classroom and playground environment and beyond. We recognise that this event may prompt questions about identity, injustice and prejudice and we have prepared teachers to handle these questions sensitively.

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

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/>



School lunches

We have a lovely new menu which starts after half term. This can be viewed on our website along with all the allergen information.

<https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/halwill-primary-school/parents/school-dinner-menus/>

Over half term this will be uploaded to SchoolMoney and you will be able to order lunches in time for the children return to school on Tuesday 31st October. A text will go out when everything is live.



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

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 1—Aiden Class 2—Joseph Class 3—Nicholas Class 3—Bella Class 3—Freddie Class 4—Georgina	Class 2—Ivy Class 3—Callie Class 4—Chloe Class 4—George		Class 1—Louis Class 2—Leo	

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

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

13th	Christmas Lunch
15th	End of term

January

2nd	Non-pupil day
3rd	Start of term

February

12th to 16th	Half term
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March

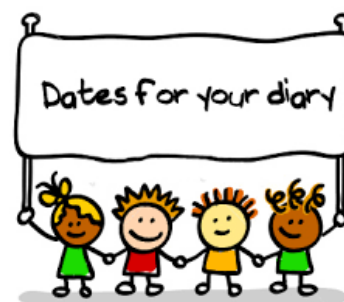
11th	KS1 Performing Arts Festival Y1 and 2 at HCC
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June

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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Term dates: <https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/halwill-primary-school/parents/term-dates/>

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>

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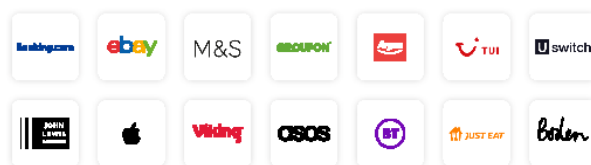
Friends of Halwill Primary School

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It won't cost you any extra!

How to sign up

- 1 Visit the link below or scan the QR code
www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause
- 2 Search for us
- 3 Your favourite brands donate whenever you spend with them



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Excellent 3,945 reviews on Trustpilot

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

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.