



# Halwill Primary School

## Newsletter No.5 Autumn Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a few days of weather it has been! I hope you have all stayed safe. Thank you for your patience and understanding with the school closure and late opening last Thursday and Friday, due to the snow and ice. We always aim to keep the school open but we also have to balance the safety of staff and children travelling to school. I hope children managed to enjoy the snow. Here are some pictures we received.



### Staff News

After 13 years as a valued Teaching Assistant, Becky Steward, will be leaving the Federation at the end of the week to pursue a role outside of education. I would like to thank Miss Steward for her wonderful support, care and teaching she has given to the children over the years. She is always a welcoming face in the morning, and she will be greatly missed by all of the school community. I am sure you will join me in wishing her well in her new role; her new employer is very lucky to have her.

Miss Ella Dannan, will be moving across from Ashwater to replace Miss Steward. Miss Dannan is a Level 3 qualified Early Years practitioner and knows many of the Class 1 children from her work at Scallywags Pre-school. She will be an excellent addition, to the Halwill team.

### Upcoming Events

#### **December 5**

Silent Disco – Halwill Parish Hall

5pm – 7pm

#### **December 10**

Christmas Play Class 2

9:15am -10:15am

Christmas Play Class 3

10:15am -11:15am

#### **December 11**

Christmas Play Class 2

5pm - 6pm

Christmas Play Class 3

6pm - 7pm

#### **December 16**

Church Christmas Service

*for all children*

10am -11am

#### **December 17**

Christmas Church Service

(for Parents and Carers)

*Class 1 and 4*

09:30am -10:30am

Christmas Church Service

(for Parents and Carers)

*Class 1 and 4*

5pm - 6pm

## Other news

### Friends' Silent Disco, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 5-7pm, Parish Hall

The Friends' are organising a silent disco, where children will be provided with headsets to listen to the music. Please see the poster below. A reply slip will be coming home with children today. Please return these to the office with the appropriate money in a named envelope.



### Christmas Service:

The Church service will have a much greater importance and will be led by Class 4 (Year 5 & 6), There will be far more opportunities for Class 4 to deliver readings and talk to the congregation. Class 1 (Reception) will perform their nativity within the church. Therefore, Class 1 and Class 4 will not perform a separate play.

In total, there will be three church services. The first, will be for the school children only and second two, will be for parents and carers of Class 1 and Class 4. Please understand, that we have had to restrict to parents of Class 1 and 4 for space reasons, as we will continue to be in the Halwill Baptist Chapel. Information about ticketing will be shared nearer the time.

### Children In Need:

It was great to see the children in pyjamas or non-uniform. Thank you for your kind donations, we raised £281.00

## Useful Links

### School Contact Details

Tel: 01409 221476

Email: [admin@halwill.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@halwill.devon.sch.uk)

Website: [Halwill Primary School – Halwill and Ashwater Primary Schools](#)

**Safeguarding:** If you have any concerns about a child, please speak to one of the safeguarding team or email [safeguarding@halwill.devon.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@halwill.devon.sch.uk)

### Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Ruh Alford

### Deputy Safeguarding Leads

Miss Jayne Miners

Mrs Rosie Cawsey

Mrs Alix Rothery

### Safeguarding Governor

Mrs Alison Clark

### Attendance Officer

Mrs Ceren Brooker

**We will be talking to children about how to keep safe on the roads when there is no pavement.**

Keep to the right-hand side of the road so you can see oncoming traffic.

Keep close to the side of the road and be prepared to walk in single file.

If you come across a sharp right-hand bend it may be safer to cross to the left-hand side of the road and cross back after the bend.

Wear reflective clothes in the dark.

## Driving In Permissions:

A reminder that only parents with accessibility needs are allowed to drive down to school. This is to keep vehicles on site to a minimum, for the safety of the children. Thank you for supporting this. If you need to drive down to support your needs, please do speak to the office so you can be added to our list.

Mrs R. Alford, Executive Headteacher

<u>The Carey Qualities</u>				
<b>Relationships</b> by being <b>Resilient, Resourceful, Reflective</b> and <b>Respectful</b>				
Each week children are awarded certificates in our Celebration Assembly for making a significant effort to develop one of our Carey Qualities. The following children were awarded certificates. <u>Well done</u> to them all.				
For building Relationships	For being Resilient	For being Resourceful	For being Reflective	For being Respectful
Freddie – Class 3	Jesse - Class 1	Evelyn – Class 3	Lucas – Class 2	Bethany – Class 2
Chloe S – Class 4	Scarlett – Class 2	Bella – Class 3	Poppy – Class 2	(15 <sup>th</sup> Nov)
Albie – Class 4	(15 <sup>th</sup> Nov)	EH – Class 3	(15 <sup>th</sup> Nov)	
(15 <sup>th</sup> Nov)		Henry – Class 4		
		(15 <sup>th</sup> Nov)		



**AMAZING  
VALUE**  
**OPEN FOR  
EVERYONE**

**Each bag costs £5 and has a minimum value of £15**

**Holsworthy Food Hub is open every Friday 1pm – 2pm  
at**

**Holsworthy Methodist Church Hall, Bodmin Street,  
from 1-2pm on Fridays**

- Buy £15\* worth of food for £5, aimed at people who are on a low income or struggling financially, to help them stretch their budgets. You might have a big bill come in and just want to use the hub for a short time. There is just a simple form to complete and no referral needed. Friendly help is on offer from a lovely team of kind volunteers.
- Choose your items from a wide selection like in a normal shop/supermarket
- You can pop in and out quickly to do your shop or stay for a cup of coffee. Free refreshments, friendly market / cafe atmosphere
- Children are welcome but we can't have dogs - sorry.
- If there are 4 or more people in your household, you can buy two bags.

Please email: [holsworthyfoodhub@gmail.com](mailto:holsworthyfoodhub@gmail.com) if you have any questions.  
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[holsworthyfoodhub@gmail.com](mailto:holsworthyfoodhub@gmail.com)

*Please come and visit us – we would love to see you !*