



## *Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other*

Dear Parents,



Well done to the Y5/6 girls who attended the Girls' Football Tournament last Monday. The Federation team came 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 9 schools. Very well done to them; a super 'Aim High' and 'Be Resilient' attitude.



Very well done to all the children who took part in the Torrington Cross Country event on Friday. It was a very competitive competition and the children were a real credit. All children completed the challenging course with over 100 entrants taking part! All runners were very resilient on the day, with special mention to Leonie for coming 16th!

Class 4 enjoyed their day with Clive Pig who delivered a storytelling workshop to help consolidate their knowledge and understanding of their Mayan history topic.



## Holiday Requests

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.*

## 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> December	9:30am Class 1&2 Christmas Production Parents welcome 2:30 pm Class 1&2 Christmas Production – Parents welcome
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	2:00 pm 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](http://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](mailto:admissions@devon.gov.uk)

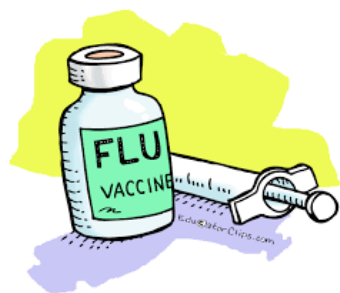
## Friends Christmas Cards

On Friday, pupils will bring home details about designing their own Christmas Card. The design will be made into a Christmas card which you can purchase. Please can all cards be returned to school on **Wednesday 2nd November**.



## Tuesday 18th October

If you consented to your child having the flu immunisation, this will be happening on Tuesday 18th October.



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](https://www.dsfire.gov.uk/news/safety-during-halloween)



## 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 <b>Relationships</b>	For being <b>Resilient</b>	For being <b>Resourceful</b>	For being <b>Reflective</b>	For being <b>Respectful</b>
Class 1—Bethany Class 4—Zac	Class 1—Poppy Class 2—Ted Class 3—Poppy Class 3—Will Class 4—Emelia	Class 2—Thorin	Class 4—Autumn	

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

18th	<i>Class 1 Scallywags Black History Awareness Month</i>
18th	<i>Flu Immunisations</i>
18th	<i>2.30pm. Parent meeting to discuss and share some of the resources and techniques regarding our Read, Write, Inc. (RWI) phonics programme and some of our early maths resources.</i>
21st	<i>9.15am Harvest Festival</i>
24th	<i>October half term begins</i>
31st	<i>Deadline for secondary school applications</i>
31st-1st Nov	<i>Inset days</i>

### November

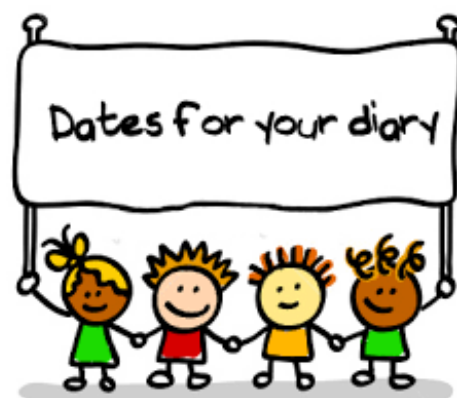
2nd	<i>Pupils return to school</i>
2nd	<i>Christmas Card designs to be returned to school.</i>
2nd	<i>Friends Pumpkin and Dress up Challenge</i>
8th	<i>Exeter Cathedral Outreach Programme</i>
10th	<i>Tempest Individual &amp; family photos</i>
12th	<i>Year 5/6 Exeter Cathedral Music Concert</i>
14th	<i>Deadline for Home Learning Projects to be submitted</i>
15th	<i>1.45-6pm Parent Consultation</i>
25th	<i>Display of Home Learning Projects for Parents / Carers to view 2:45 pm</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 &amp; 2 Christmas Production—Parents welcome</i> <i>2:30 pm Class 1 &amp; 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. 2.00pm.</i>
16th	<i>Last day of Autumn term</i>

### January

3rd	<i>First day of Spring term</i>
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**CATERING ASSISTANT  
JOB VACANCY  
at**

**ASHWATER and HALWILL PRIMARY SCHOOL's**  
**12.50 hours per week**  
**£421.46 per month, term time only.**  
**(paid 12 months a year)**

**We are looking for a Friendly person to collect lunches from Halwill Primary School, deliver them to Ashwater and serve the children, clear up at Ashwater then return the Boxes to Halwill**

**You will be a big part of the school team yet supported by the larger catering company that is Southwest Norse. Food preparation, keeping the kitchen clean and following all guidelines to adhere to Food Safety and H&S are all requirements for this position along with supporting the Kitchen manager.**

**Full training given & uniform provided**  
**DBS check required**

**For more details, please complete the application form (posted on [www.indeed.co.uk](http://www.indeed.co.uk)) or contact [jane.shreeve@norsegroup.co.uk](mailto:jane.shreeve@norsegroup.co.uk) tel – 07909688441**



The  
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# Open House | Winsford Cottage Hospital

**Halwill Junction, Devon**

**Friday 11 – Monday 14 November 2022**

**10am – 4pm**

**Free admission but book in advance**

Join us for festive crafts from local businesses including card making, needle felting and more on Saturday and Sunday. We'll also have musical interludes from Holsworthy Town Band on Saturday.



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**Further details: [www.landmarktrust.org.uk](http://www.landmarktrust.org.uk)**

Scan to book tickets





# What's On

## Burton at Bideford Art Gallery & Museum



### LEGO® Lab

We'll be joined by Nick Clark from LEGO® Sense for fun, hands on learning and exploration using LEGO®.

**October 28 drop-in session**

**10am-3pm**

**FREE - donations welcome**



### Where are the Witches

The Burton has been invaded by witches! Children and parents are invited to enter the museum to help us work out how many there are. Pop your entry in the cauldron for the chance to win a special, scary prize... Running throughout the October half term, grab an activity sheet from the front desk.

**FREE to participate**



### Arts Lab

Family-friendly, ecologically-minded activities. Drop-in anytime on October 25 for Halloween-inspired shadow puppets and other scary arty activities.

**October 25, drop-in session**

**10am-3pm**

**FREE - donations welcome**

The Burton Art Gallery will also have two exhibitions on display throughout half term and Bideford Museum, all of which are FREE ENTRY.

**Opening Hours: Mon-Sat 10am-4pm & Sun 11am-4pm**

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AT BIDEFORD



## FORM 1 (YEAR 7) TASTER DAY FRIDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2022

All boys and girls in Year 6 are invited to join in with our Year 7 (Form 1) Group Taster Day on Friday 11th November.

This is an exciting opportunity to spend a day at Shebbear College, discover what it's like to go to school here and meet other pupils who are thinking about joining our Senior School.

You will get involved in a wide range of engaging lessons and take part in fun activities, as well as enjoying our delicious lunch and snacks during the day!

### Find Out More and Register Here

Or contact our Registrar, Emily, on [admissions@shebbearcollege.co.uk](mailto:admissions@shebbearcollege.co.uk) or 01409 282009

We look forward to meeting you!



# Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle with your child's bedtime?

Will your child not sleep in their own bed?

WE CAN HELP

**03303 530 541**  
Sunday - Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm  
Wednesday 9am - 11am



CALL US

**03303 530 541**

SPEAK TO TRAINED SLEEP ADVISORS  
Sunday - Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm  
Wednesday 9am - 11am

“Fantastic! I've spoken to so many people over the years who just don't get it, and I feel that you really do.”

“You're great. Really lovely, one of the nicest calls I have had from a helpline. Thank you so much.”

“Really easy to get through and talk through some choices.”