



Halwill Primary School
Newsletter No.6
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Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Dear Parents,

We have reached the final week of half-term and I am so pleased with how well the children have settled into the new academic year, new routines and for some children, new classes. The children really are 'Aiming High' in all their lessons and I am very proud of them all. We have begun our 'Recovery Programme' for this term, which means that class teachers are working with small groups of children to plug gaps in learning due to the school closures in the lockdowns. Mrs Gleed, who is familiar to the children, as she retired from Ashwater last year, has been covering the class' lessons allowing the class teacher to work with the small group. Teachers will let you know if your child is receiving the catch-up support.

I couldn't be prouder of our 33 children who took part in the Torrington Cross Country event on Friday. There were approximately 500 children there in total, from a variety of primary schools. Not only did our children 'Aim High' and show great resilience in an incredibly challenging course but their behaviour was exemplary. Well done to all the children; each one finished the course, which was super! A special well done to Maisie who came 17th and Elizabeth who came 7th in their race. A great achievement!



Class 1's photo is in this week's North Devon Journal in their 'First Class' feature.

Face Coverings

You may have noticed that staff have resumed wearing face coverings. This is because of the increase in Covid rates locally. Younger children have been spoken to about why we are wearing them. We are not asking parents to wear them on site at this time, unless coming into the building. Please do contact me via the office, if you have any questions.

Ruth Hayes - Woodwind Instrumental Peripatetic Teacher

Last week Ruth Hayes led an assembly with the children and they were mesmerised by her beautiful playing. After half term, Miss Hayes will be offering music tuition in Clarinet, Flute, Saxophone and Violin to children **in Year 3 and above**. A form with information about pricing and how to book lessons can be found here: <https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/halwill-primary-school/parents/school-forms/>

Lessons will either be on Wednesdays or Thursdays depending on the numbers of pupils. Please arrange lessons and payment directly with Miss Hayes.

Parent Consultation Tuesday 9th November 1:45 – 6:00 pm (via Zoom)

You can now book appointments for this by calling or emailing the office.

Wild Tribe

Tomorrow will be Class 4's last session until the second half of the Spring Term. They will be cooking toffee apples on the fire-pit. This will comprise of apples and brown sugar. Please let the office know if your child is unable to eat these.

It will be Class 3's turn to do Wild Tribe after half term. This will be on Tuesdays. Please send in wellies, waterproofs to wear over uniform (**or** a change of long sleeves and trousers – not jeans, if you don't have waterproofs) and a waterproof coat. Long hair must be tied up.

Class 1, 2 and 4 will have gymnastics with Mrs Stanbury and dance with Miss Squire on Tuesdays. Other PE sessions will continue as before.

Clubs

Information about clubs is available on our website: <https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/halwill-primary-school/about-us/before-after-school-clubs/>

Black History Month

This week the children will have assemblies about Black role models. It is particularly important for children to know about the positive contribution Black people in this country and beyond have made in the past and make now, because the children have very limited opportunity to encounter diversity due to our geographical location.

Here are links to videos that we will be sharing:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/pshe-ks2--ks3-space-scientist/zvwxnrd>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/pshe-ks2--ks3-ade-adeptan-paralympic-champion/zbwxnrd>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/curations/black-history-month>

Over half term, we will be asking children to do a project about their Black History Hero. It could be someone from the past or present day. They can present it in any way they like: a poster, a piece of writing, a fact file, a painting, a powerpoint, a booklet etc. Please upload the final project to Class Dojo and bring in the physical copy too. When we return after half term, the children will be able to share these in Thursday's Celebration Assembly.

Friends of Halwill School Meeting Tuesday 17th October 2:45 pm

There will be a meeting at the school tomorrow afternoon. If you haven't attended a Friends meeting before, you are most welcome. It is open to all parents.

Here is a message from the Friends:

The Friends of Halwill Primary School are a group of parents who run fundraising events to raise funds for the children.

In the past we have arranged many different events: bingo, sponsored walks, bake sales, school parties, football tournaments and our last big fundraiser before Covid was arranging a circus to come to school.

Money raised from these events, pay for workshops, subsidise school trips, Christmas presents for the children, extra books and resources, games and toys.

Friends is a great way to meet other parents whilst raising crucial money for the children. We would love new members for the committee to be able to continue. Whatever time you could give to Friends is gratefully received, helping out at events, running events, attending meetings, donating and supporting event. So please get involved in any way you can!

The Friends of Halwill School

Old School Playing Fields

A message from the Chair of Governors:

The Old School Playing in Halwill Town

The playing field behind the old village school in Halwill Town has just been sold.

Back in 1998, when the school was still located in Halwill Town, the then PTA raised funds from parents to purchase the field behind the school to be a school playing field. Since the school is run by the County Council the funds were then donated to the Council. However, the then governors inserted a clause into the sale agreement that if the Council stopped using the field as a school that the School Governors could purchase the field back for a nominal £5. Thus, when the old school closed and moved to its current site in Halwill Junction in 2011 the governors at the time wisely took up this option and purchased the field in the name of the school governors. Since then, the field has been let out to a local farmer for a nominal sum who has in turn kept it in good condition. The field was recently sold and will remain in agricultural use. The funds have been allocated to Halwill School and will be used for the further development of the school.

I would like to pay tribute to the School Governors who had the foresight many years ago to enable the proceeds to come back to our children. Thank you!!!

John Lawlor
Chair of the Governors

Have a lovely half term and we look forward to seeing the children on **Wednesday 3rd November.**

Mrs Ruh Alford
Executive Headteacher

Year 6 parents

Don't forget that you only have until 31st October to apply for your secondary school place. Please apply online if you have not done so, www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline



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JOB VACANCY **Pre-School Assistant**

Sallywags Pre-School is managed by a voluntary Committee and part time paid Administrator
We are looking for a caring and motivated person to work in our friendly Pre-School, to provide high quality care and education in a safe and caring environment to our 2, 3 and 4 year olds.

The successful candidate will need to be able to work well with our existing team and have a flexible approach to working.

A full and relevant Early Years and Childcare qualification at a minimum Level 2 is essential.

Working hours may vary.

Possible opportunity for regular hours (reviewed per half term - according to child numbers).

Please see our website for details of our opening times.

£8.91+ depending on experience and qualifications.

For more information and an application pack, please contact Pennie Channing (Administrator) by email at sallywagspreschool@outlook.com, or telephone 07552238793 / 01409 221672.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: 15 November 2021

INTERVIEW DATES: 22-29 November 2021

Start Dec 21/ Jan 22

This role requires an enhanced DBS disclosure.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults, and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.



 #DiscoverShebbear

FORM 1 (YEAR 7) TASTER DAY
FRIDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2021

All boys and girls in Year 6 are invited to join in with our Year 7 (Form 1) Group Taster Day on Friday 5th 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
To register please contact our Registrar, Emily, on admissions@shebearcollege.co.uk or 01409 282009
We look forward to meeting you!

- Smaller size enables a tailored education - centered around each individual
- Highly acclaimed Virtual and Blended Learning Programmes
- Excellent A-Level and GCSE Results 2021 with 100% of pupils gaining a place of their choice of University
- Safe and spacious 85-acre campus with excellent facilities and vast sports fields
- Working towards the Wellbeing Award for Schools
- Extensive bus routes across Devon & Cornwall - all included in fees
- Delicious school lunches and snacks included in fees
- Finalists in the Independent Schools of the Year Award for Sporting Achievement
- Award-Winning Music Department with newly built Music Centre

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.

SIMS Parent

If you have not signed on to SIMS Parent, please do take a look. It is your way of ensuring we hold your most up to date contact information as well as your parental consent for day to day things in school



If you have not received your email invitation or are having issues, please email the office.

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 2—Charlie Class 2—Nicholas Class 3—Oskar Class 4—Will G	Class 1—Jake Class 2—Finley Class 3—Zeejay Class 4—Carter	Class 3—George	Class 1—Thorin Class 2—Joshua W Class 3—Emelia Class 4—Mollie	

Dates for your diary:

October

25th to 29th Half term

November

1st Non-pupil day

2nd Non-pupil day

8th Tempest school photos (am)

8th KSI multi skills festival HCC (pm)

9th Parent consultations 1.45-6.00pm.

22nd Flu immunisations

December

2nd Christmas Lights switch on 4.30pm

8th Yr 3, 4, 5, 6 matinee xmas show 1.45pm

9th Yr 3, 4, 5, 6 evening xmas show 6.00pm

13th Yr R, 1, 2 matinee xmas show 1.45pm

14th Yr R, 1, 2 evening xmas show 5.00pm

15th Christmas Lunch

16th Christmas Church Service 9.30am

Baptist Church

17th End of term

January 2022

4th Non-pupil day

5th Term starts

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

