



Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Dear Parents,

We have had a sporty and successful couple of weeks. Very well done to all the children who took part in the St Stephen's Shield cross country event. It is highly competitive and the children really did aim high and showed great resilience. Well done to everyone.



Huge congratulations to the Federation Y5/6 Girls Football Team! They competed on Monday against 5 other teams at Holsworthy College and won the tournament! They showed great team spirit, resilience and an



aim high attitude. Well done to Poppy (Halwill Class 4) and Amelia (Ashwater Class 2) who were awarded Players of the Match.

Harvest Assembly



We look forward to welcoming parents and carers to our Harvest Assembly on Halwill Friday 20th October at 2.30pm. Donations of non-perishable foods are requested in advance of the assembly. These will be donated to the food bank.

Year 6 Parents - Apply for Your Child's Secondary School Place

Applications for your child to start in year 7 at secondary school in September 2024 opened on 1 September 2023 and closes 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/>

New Secondary School



Christmas Dates

 Tuesday 5 th December	Non-uniform Day – children to bring in a hamper item or £1 to Friends' Christmas fund. 3:30 – 5:00 pm Children's Christmas Party 5:00 pm Christmas Tree Light Switch-On – parents and carers welcome
Friday 8 th December	9:15am Class 1 & 2 Christmas Production – Parents and carers welcome
Monday 11 th December	2:20 pm Class 3 Christmas Production 3:00 pm Class 4 Christmas Production Parents and carers welcome
Tuesday 12 th December	5:30 pm Class 3 Christmas Production 6:15 pm Class 4 Christmas Production Parents and carers welcome
Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 15 th December	10:00 am Church Service in the Baptist Chapel – Parents welcome



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

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>

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 3—Arthur	Class 1—Finley Class 2—Archie Class 3—Ryan Class 4—Jemima Class 4—Bronwen	Class 1—Brody Class 2—Daisy Class 3—Jack	Class 2—Belle Class 3—Finley	

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



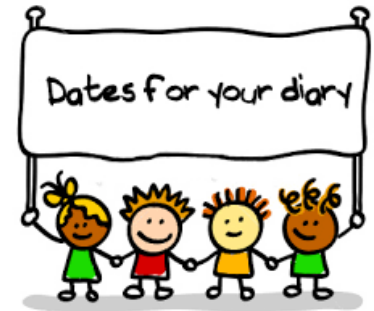
Dates for your diary:

October

- 18th Cancelled—new date to be advised. 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

- 5th Non-uniform day (Hamper item or £1 donation to Friends)
5th Children's Christmas Party 3.30-5.00pm
5th Christmas Tree Lights switch on, 5.00pm
8th Class 1 & 2 Christmas Production, 9.15am
11th Class 3 Christmas Production, 2.20pm
11th Class 4 Christmas Production, 3.00pm
12th Class 3 Christmas Production, 5.30pm
12th Class 4 Christmas Production, 6.15pm
13th Christmas Lunch
15th Church Service at Baptist Chapel, 10am.
15th End of term



January

- 2nd Non-pupil day
3rd Start of term

February

12th to 16th Half term

March

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

June

- 24th Yr 5 & 6 Cricket Festival at HCC

July

- 8th Beach Festival Y3 and 4 at Bude

Term dates: <https://www.thecarey federation.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>

<https://www.mynametags.com/>



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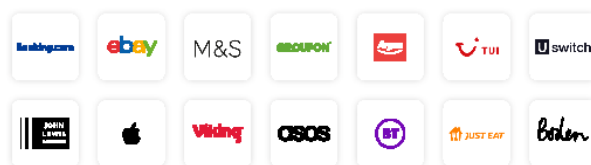
Friends of Halwill Primary School

with easyfundraising

You shop, brands donate to us.
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



Download the
easyfundraising App



Excellent 3,945 reviews on Trustpilot

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



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.

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.

Welcome to the October 2023 Scomis Online Safety Newsletter for Parents/Carers

New to the Scomis Online Safety Newsletter?

Welcome to the Scomis Online Safety Newsletter for parents/carers. The aim of our half-termly newsletter is to signpost parents and carers to websites which will provide:

- Online safety advice and guidance for parents and carers
- Raise awareness of current Online Safety issues
- Information on how/where to get help

Remember to talk to your child about Online Safety

Be aware of key issues! How?

Visit the following websites to find out:

Internet Matters – Advice by Age Whatever your child's age, Internet Matters provides guidance to help you find out more about your child's digital lives. Their site includes practical advice on the steps you can take as a parent to keep them safe on social media, in online games and around the web and includes video, tips on how to start a conversation and much more.

How you can protect your child

Children use the internet in different ways depending on their age, [Internet Matters](#) has developed checklists for parents /carers that provide top tips on how to help them stay safe. Get your toolkit [here](#)

Help children understand the dangers of sharing personal information, the best ways to balance screen time and more with the age-specific guides available [here](#)

0–5 years Find out what's new and

download the [Online Safety guide](#)

6–10 years Find out how they might

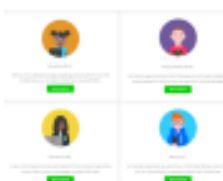
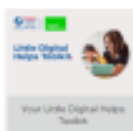
be at risk and download the [Online](#)

[Safety guide](#)

11–13 years Find out how to start those tricky conversations and download the [Online Safety guide](#)

Teens 14+ Find out what's new and download the [Online Safety guide](#)

NB. Each age-specific section includes 'easy to view' videos



PEGI Ratings

PEGI ([Pan European Game Information](#)) ratings is a popular gaming rating system used mostly in Europe and Asia.

PEGI ratings are quite easy to understand. They use a clear number to show from which age the game is suitable for. Find out more [here](#)

The age rating confirms that the game content is appropriate for players of a certain age.

PEGI considers the age suitability of a game, not the level of difficulty.

- Find out what the labels mean [here](#)
- Find out what the course descriptors mean [here](#)



Childline's Advice for Staying Safe Online

There are a number of things **you** can do to keep yourself safe online:

- Think before you post
- Don't share personal details
- Watch out for phishing and scams
- Think about who you are talking to
- Keep your device secure
- Never give out your password
- How to spot [Fake News](#)

Read how to keep you and your children safe online [here](#)

Find out more about:

- [Keeping your device secure](#)
- [Strong passwords](#)
- [Grooming](#)

Access and view a range of easy to watch videos on all sorts of things including

- Getting help [here](#)

Watch the [toolbox videos](#) and get help and advice on all sorts of things.

Remember you can contact [Childline](#) about anything. online, on the phone, anytime



Keeping up to date with Media Sites, Apps and Games

- Keep up to date with the latest sites, apps and games
 - Find out how to keep your child safe when playing online games
 - Access resources for children with [SEND](#)
- Visit [NSPCC's Chat App](#) site to find out more about Social media and Chat Apps including:
TikTok; Instagram; WhatsApp; Telegram
Find out more [here](#)

Need Help?

Worried about something a child or young person may have experienced online, you can contact the [NSPCC](#) helpline for free support and advice on **0808 800 5000** or [contact NSPCC online](#).

Reminder! Children can contact [Childline](#) any time to get support themselves:
0800 1111

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Struggling to top up your prepayment meter?

You might be able to claim fuel vouchers

If you have prepayment meters and can't afford to top them up, we can help. We may be able to give you fuel vouchers, and our specialist energy team can help you find ways to save money on your household bills

Call 01237 879233, email fuelvouchers@ruraldevoncab.org.uk or scan the QR code to request a call back



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