

Monday 20th October 2025

Halwill Primary School

Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Newsletter No. 7 Autumn Term

Dear Families,

A huge well done to all the children who were selected to participate in the Stephen Shield Cross Country at Torrington. This is highly competitive, so the children really had to aim high and be resilient. Congratulations to all involved and particular well done to Ada who was placed at 17th!



Parent Consultation- Tuesday 11th November, 1:45 – 6:00 pm

You can now book your 10-minute appointment slot by calling, emailing or coming to the school office.

Y5/6 DISP Football Tournament- Hosted by Halwill Primary School- Wednesday 22nd October

Letters have gone out to those pupils involved. Parents and wider family are welcome to watch. The Friends of Halwill will be serving teas/coffees and doughnuts for £1 per item (cash only). Federation children participating will be provided with a doughnut.

Exeter Cathedral Chorister Outreach Programme – Saturday 22nd November

This term we have the pleasure of taking part in the Chorister Outreach Programme. Andrew Downton, Singing Development Director at Exeter Cathedral will be teaching our Key Stage 2 children, 3 songs during three workshops in school. (There is no cost for these workshops).

The children then have the fabulous opportunity to perform these songs at Exeter Cathedral with other schools within the Torrridge area along with Exeter Choir and the Cathedral Choristers on **Saturday 22nd November**. It will be a great experience for the children to be able to attend. We will be asking parents to make arrangements for children to be dropped to and from the Cathedral. Parents, siblings, grandparents, and family friends are all welcome to come to the (free) concert at the end of the afternoon.

A letter will be sent out in due course with details and consent form. We are looking forward to a wonderful afternoon and we really hope as many children as possible will attend.

Below are the timings for the Saturday performance:



OCTOBER

October 21

Tempest Individual

08:30 families

photographs/siblings

October 22

Y5/6 DISP Football Tournament

Hosted at Halwill School, 1:00 –

3:00 pm

No after school Football club

October 24

End of Term

NOVEMBER

November 3

Non pupil day

November 4

First day of Autumn 2nd Half

November 10

Flu Immunisation

November 11

Parent Consultation 1:45- 6:00pm

November 22

KS2 children singing at Exeter Cathedral

November 27

The Lion, The Witch and The

Wardrobe, KS2 Theatre Trip

Saturday 22nd November:

- 1.15-1.30pm: Children to arrive and are supervised by school staff.
(Please ensure that children have had lunch and been to the toilet before they arrive)
- 1:30 Rehearsal
- 4.00pm: Short break (Children may wish to bring a drink and snack)
- 4.25pm: All performers into "offstage" position
- 4.30pm: Concert – everyone welcome. (approx. 5:20 finish)

Clubs Price Increase

We really want to increase our After School Club provision, but it is proving challenging because the cost involved in paying staff to run the clubs outweigh what we are charging. Therefore, we are having to increase the cost of After School Clubs to £3 per session from after October Half Term. This is still below what other schools are charging. We are sorry to have to make this change but ultimately it will mean we can offer more clubs on different days.



FREE SCHOOL MEALS – Are you entitled to apply?

Even though your child is entitled to universal infant free school meals in reception, year 1 and year 2, if you are eligible for free school meals it is important that you register as soon as possible as this attracts income for the school and will also allow you to benefit from:-

- **A full set of school uniform**
- **Free attendance at Breakfast and After School Clubs**
- **2/3 reduction in residential fees**

CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Your child may also get free school meals if you get any of these benefits and your child is both:

Useful Links

School Contact Details

Tel: 01409 221476

Email:

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

Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Ruh Alford

Deputy Safeguarding Leads

Miss Jayne Miners

Mrs Rosie Cawsey

Attendance Officer

Mrs Ceren Brooker

To apply please use the following link

https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCCSCitizenPortal_live

If you require any assistance, then please do not hesitate to contact the school offices.

Attendance

Thank you for your support with your child's attendance. I know our families do send children into school when they are well enough to be here. I am also aware that there have been bugs going around and we do ask that children remain off school for 48 hours after their last bout of sickness or diarrhea. We appreciate that this will affect children's attendance but cannot be helped. Therefore, it is very important that children are in school when they are able to be.

Mrs Ruh Alford
Executive Headteacher

The Carey Qualities



Relationships by being Resilient, Resourceful, Reflective and Respectful

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. Well done to them all.

For building Relationships	For being Resilient	For being Resourceful	For being Reflective	For being Respectful
Niamh – Class 4 Ellie – Class 4	Millie – Class 1 Scarlett – Class 3		NC – Class 1 Louis – Class 2 Thomas – Class 3	Mia – Class 2 Reggie – Class 3 Callie – Class 4

Creative Dance and Theatre Workshops



Youth Workshops for Ages 5 - 11

27th October- **Northlew** 10am-3pm

29th October- **Lifton** 10am-3pm

30th October- **Brentor** 10am-3pm

TO BOOK CONTACT
ESMELCREATIVE@GMAIL.COM
07762920955

GAMES

TEAM WORK

SOCIALISE

COST

PER PERSON = £25
SIBLINGS = £22(PER PERSON)

**EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT PAY
BEFORE 12.10.25**

PER PERSON = £22
SIBLINGS = £20 (PER PERSON)

These workshops will give children a day of fun in their half term holiday. Full of games, making friends, learning and developing their creative skills. The dance and theatre will be expressive, dynamic and fuelled by the participants, with inspiration from props, words, paints and more.

Esme teaches through play, and highlights the strengths of all who participate. Children of all abilities are welcome.

Esme is a certified Rambert grades teacher, has an enhanced DBS and is safeguarding trained. Please get in contact if you have any questions.

TO BOOK AND FOR FURTHER
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TEAM WORK

EASYFUNDRAISING

- Start your online shop on the [Easyfundraising](#) website/App.
- We get a little money from the retailer when you shop.
- Scan, sign up and choose Halwill Primary.

PLEASE SIGN



For help setting up speak to the Friends: Guy Becky or Laura.
*Stand a chance to win £250 for the school this month.



HALLOWEEN DISCO

Halwill Parish Hall

Friday 31st October

4pm—5.30pm



Spooky Activities (Included in Entry price)

Tuck shop, Refreshments, Hot dogs & Lucky Dip
(for a small charge)

FANCY DRESS OPTIONAL (Non Halloween Welcome)

PRIZES FOR THE BEST DRESSED



OPEN TO 11's & UNDER
ACTIVITIES SUITABLE FOR
EARLY YEARS & KEY STAGE 1
PARENTS MUST
ACCOMPANY CHILDREN

DON'T FORGET—LIGHT:QUEST STARTS IN THE VILLAGE AT 5.30PM



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