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### Halwill Primary School

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

Dear Parents,

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 I was very proud of all the children who were respectful throughout our special Federation Remembrance Assembly on Friday, including the two minutes silence. We joined Ashwater School via Zoom and the focus this year was on some of the books of renowned, local author Michael Morpurgo. We looked at an extract from 'Private Peaceful' and a film clip of the Hatherleigh market scene from 'War Horse'. The two books have characters from very local places (Iddesleigh and Hatherleigh) and this was used to help the children appreciate the sacrifices of people from the local area. The children also recalled their Family Hero projects from last year, where they researched their family members' roles in the World Wars, for example, army cooks, code breakers, Land Girls and soldiers. We then looked at a clip of Michael Morpurgo talking about and reading an extract from 'A Medal for Leroy', which is based on the story of Walter Tull, a footballer and one of the first Black officers in WWI.



On Saturday, Class 4 Halwill and Class 2 Ashwater, had the amazing opportunity to sing at Exeter Cathedral as part of the Chorister Outreach Concert. We have had wonderful feedback from staff, parents and carers. Here are some of the things that have been said:

'All the children were impeccably behaved, sang beautifully and are a credit to the Federation'

'The Cathedral event was superb; the teachers had prepared the children really well and they were just amazing!'

'It was lovely and very magical!'

The children have also said how much they enjoyed the experience and they really appreciate how special this opportunity was. A huge thank you to Rosie Cawsey who arranged for us to be part of this and conducted on the day. Also thank you to Jayne Miners, Hayley Frayn and Alix Rothery who supported the children to learn the songs and supervised the children at the Cathedral. Also, a huge thank you to par-



ents and carers for

bringing the children on a Saturday. We really appreciate you supporting this event and I hope you enjoyed it too.



We are trying to upload voice recordings of the children singing to our website, if we are able to we will text you to let you know it is there. The Devon and Torbay Music Hub also deserve a thank you for including us in the project and supporting the children to develop their singing with the help of their specialist teachers.

#### Parent Consultation 1:45 – 6:00 pm, Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November

We look forward to welcoming parents tomorrow. The majority of parents have already booked their slots via the office, if you have not, please call or email. A short report will be sent home today, please bring this with you as it will be a basis of discussion. Please come to the main office to sign in.

Unfortunately, Miss Warran is poorly and will not be able to attend the Class 2 Parent Consultation tomorrow. You should have received a text notifying you of this. We have rescheduled for Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November and you will be given the same slot you originally booked. If you would like to change this, please contact the office. We are very sorry for any inconvenience this will cause. Class 2 short reports will be sent home when Miss Warran returns.

#### Display for Home-Learning Projects, Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2:45 pm

It has been brilliant to see the children's home-learning projects which needed to be submitted by today.

All parents are invited to come and see a display of the projects in the class rooms on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 2:45 pm. Your child will be able to spend some time with you looking at the projects. We really hope you will be able to join as we have missed having parents in school over the last few years.

#### **Staff News**

Sadly Samantha Rogers, MTA will be leaving us shortly. Sam has been an excellent member of the Meal Time Assistant team and I would like to thank her for all the support she has given the children at lunch times and wish her every success in the future.

This means we are recruiting for a new Meal Time Assistant. Please see the advert on our website: <a href="https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/halwill-primary-school/about-us/job-vacancies/">https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/halwill-primary-school/about-us/job-vacancies/</a>

#### **Christmas Dates**

Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Non-uniform Day – children to bring in a hamper item or £1 to Friends' Christmas
December	fund.
	3:30 – 5:00 pm Christmas Craft Party
th.	5:00 pm Christmas Tree Light Switch-On – parents / carers welcome
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am Class 1&2 Christmas Production Parents welcome
December	2:30 pm Class 1&2 Christmas Production – Parents welcome
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	2:20 pm Class 3 Christmas Production
December	3:00 pm Class 4 Christmas Production
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	5:30 pm Class 3 Christmas Production
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Mrs R. Alford

**Executive Headteacher** 

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:

November

14th Deadline for Home Learning Projects to be submitted
 15th 1.45-6pm Parent Consultation (Class 1, 3 and 4)
 18th Last day to return Tempest photo order forms

22nd 1.45-6pm Parent Consultation (Class 2 only)

25th Display of Home Learning Projects for Parents / Carers to view 2:45 pm

<u>December</u>

1st Non-uniform Day

3:30 – 5:00 pm Christmas Craft Party 5:00 pm Christmas Tree Light Switch-On

7th 9:30am Class 1 & 2 Christmas Production—Parents welcome

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13th 2:20 pm Class 3 Christmas Production

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14th Christmas Lunch

16th Church Service in the Baptist Chapel. 2.00pm.

16th Last day of Autumn term

<u>January</u>

2nd Bank holiday

3rd First day of Spring term

<u>February</u>

13th to 17th Half term

<u>March</u>

31st End of term

<u>April</u>

17th Start of summer term

<u>May</u>

1st Bank holiday 8th Bank holiday 29th May to 2nd June Half term

<u>June</u>

5th Non-pupil day



## **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

#### Feeling stressed?

Stress is something everyone feels at times, and there are all kinds of stressful situations that can be a part of daily life. Low-level stress can even be helpful or motivational.

There are plenty of things you can do to help cope with stressful events, and simple steps you can take to deal with feelings of stress or burnout. Here is a link to an excellent NHS website that can help you manage your stress:

https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/mental-health-issues/stress/?

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## **Tempest Photography**



If you would like to order your school photos, please return your order form to the office by FRIDAY 18th November 2022.

Thank you



# Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 14th December. Please order through SchoolMoney asap.

