



Halwill Primary School
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Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Dear Parents,

We had a wonderful Remembrance Assembly last Thursday, led by the children. It was inspiring to hear about their Local Heroes. The children told us about such a variety of people, including those whose names are on the war memorial in the village, a gentleman who is in a nearby home as well as great grandparents, uncles and aunts who were Land Girls, in the Home Guard, the RAF, Bletchley Park codebreakers, nurses, built Anderson Shelters and many, many more amazing people. Thank you to parents who supported the children through this. The children clearly loved learning about their history and heritage and I hope they will pass these stories to their own children.



COVID

So far, we have had limited cases, however, local schools are seeing very high increases in cases. If a member of your household has COVID, please can your child do a PCR test and keep them at home until you have the results. Then please do daily LFD tests until your household is clear. Thank you for your support with this

Parent Consultations

I hope you found the Parent Consultation useful last week. Unfortunately Class Dojo crashed during the afternoon so some parents couldn't access the Zoom log-ins and had telephone meetings instead. I am sorry about this disruption and thank you for your patience.

Schools are expected to report to parents three times a year. Most schools do this by having parent meetings in the Autumn and Spring terms and a written report in the Summer. A few years ago, we introduced the additional short reports to sit alongside the parent meetings to help you to understand where your child is in relation to age related expectations. The short reports don't include a written element, apart from targets, because the teachers talk the reports through with you in the meetings. Do remember that it is still very early in the school year (following two years of lockdowns) so if your child isn't yet where we would like them to be, by sharing this with you early, there is time to work on their targets.

If you feel you need a follow-up meeting to discuss anything further, please let teachers know and they will be happy to arrange this.

Reading Meetings for Parents

To help you understand the new Read Write Inc. scheme, how it is used in school and how you can help your child at home please join us for a meeting at school on **Monday 17th January 2022 at 3:30.**

For children in Year 3 and above who are not on the Read Write Inc. scheme, there will be a parent meeting on **Monday 14th February 2022 at 3:30.**

Parent Governor Vacancies

There are vacancies for two parent governors on the Carey Federation Governing body and we are looking for one parent from Halwill and one from Ashwater. Although governors do not get involved in the day to day running of the school, they are responsible for setting the overall ethos of the Federation, supporting and challenging us to be accountable for the quality of education our children receive and ensuring the school finances are managed with probity.

Parent governors are directly elected by parents. Once elected, they would join the rest of the governor team, who work together as a group. Meetings are usually held once a month. If you would like to put yourself forward, please see the Governor Vacancy information which can be found on our website here: <https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/meet-the-governors/>

Children In Need Friday 19th November

As it is also Anti-Bullying Week, children can wear mufti (non-uniform) and odd socks this Friday for a £1 donation to Children In Need. We will talk about both themes in assembly this week.

Ruth Hayes - Woodwind Instrumental Peripatetic Teacher

Lessons will begin tomorrow Wednesday 17th November. I understand some children have not yet received their hired instruments so their lessons will commence next week.

There are a few places left for 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/> Please get in touch directly with Miss Hayes to book your child's lesson.

We appreciate that you may not want to buy an instrument at this point so you can hire an instrument from the Devon Music Service by completing the form below. Hire is £30 per term but if your child is eligible for Pupil Premium, this will be £10 per term. Sibling discounts are also available. <https://surveys.babcockinternational.com/s/Individual-Hire-Form/>

A Message From The Friends of Halwill School:

Dates for your Diary

Friday 26th November: Mufti Day (non-uniform) £1 or food / drink hamper gift donation

Thursday 2nd December: Christmas Craft Party 3.30 – 4.30 (followed by Christmas Tree Light Switch-On)

Please see the attached letter regarding the Christmas Craft Party along with an ingredients list of the food that will be provided. Please let the office know if you child cannot have any of the foods.

We have registered Friends of Halwill Primary School with #easyfundraising, which means over 4,000 shops and sites will now donate to us for FREE every time you use #easyfundraising to shop with them.

These donations will help SO MUCH, so please sign up to support us – it's completely FREE and doesn't take long.

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendshalwillprim/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=gs-f1

Christmas Show Bookings

We hope parents will be able to attend the Christmas show, provided the COVID situation allows. This year we will have two separate shows for YR-2 and Y3-6 because we want to reduce the number of adults on site. For this reason, you can request 2 tickets per family for either the matinee or the evening. We appreciate that you may need to attend both YR-2 and Y3-6, if you have children in both key stages.

A Google form will be sent via text shortly to allow you to request your tickets and these will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. Here is a reminder of the performance dates:

Christmas Show Matinee Y3, 4, 5 & 6 Wednesday 8th December 1:45 pm

Christmas Show Evening Y3, 4, 5 & 6 Thursday 9th December 6:00 pm

Christmas Show Matinee YR,1&2 Monday 13th December 1:45 pm

Christmas Show Evening YR,1&2 Tuesday 14th December 5:00 pm

New Reception 2022 Visits

If your child will be in the September 2022 cohort for Reception, please do contact the office if you would like to visit the school.

Mrs Ruh Alford

Executive Headteacher

Christmas Craft Party

Friends have organised the Christmas Craft Party on 2nd December 2021 3.30-4.30pm, followed by the light switch on.

All children will be creating a Christmas decoration to take home. They will also be offered a sandwich, packet of crisps, chocolate bar, squash or water. The cost will be £3.00.

A list of all ingredients will be in the office.

Childs Name

Sandwich Jam
 Cheese
 Ham

Any known allergies/special requests.

Paid - £3.00

Please complete and return with money to secure your Childs place by Nov 28th 2021.

Christmas Lunch
this year is
Wednesday 15th
December.

Please place your
order through
schoolmoney.

Thank you

Christmas Lunch

Roast Turkey
(Pigs in blankets, stuffing & gravy)

Or

Vegetarian Crown
(stuffing and gravy)

Vegetables: Roast potatoes, carrots,
peas & sprouts

Dessert:

Christmas pudding with custard

Or

Strawberry ice cream and meringue

Or

Fresh fruit

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 1—Charlie Class 3—Drake	Class 1—Dougie Class 2—Seb Class 2—Willoby Class 3—Tilly	Class 2—Ted Class 4—James	Class 3—Charlie Class 4—Toby	Class 4—Rowan

Dates for your diary:

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
20th	Flu immunisations
20th	Slight change to school lunch menu



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.

