

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025



## Upcoming Events

# Halwill Primary School

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

## Newsletter No.8 Spring Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

We had another busy and productive week. Hadley, Chloe, Sidney and Brown (Class 4) attended the first in a series of drama workshops delivered by the Med Theatre at Hatherleigh Primary School. The Federation is part of the Devon Independent Schools Partnership (DISP) which is a collaboration of maintained primary schools. As part of this, theatre and drama workshops with the Med Theatre Group, have been organised. These are aimed at pupils who have particular talent in drama. Well done to these children for being selected and I hope they enjoy the sessions.

Good luck to our netball team who will be representing the Federation today at Holsworthy College. Keep 'Aiming High' and 'Being Resilient'!

Mr Andrew Sweeney, Principal of Holsworthy College, made an informal visit last week to meet the Year 5 and 6 children. The children asked excellent questions. Once the Year 6 secondary school places are finalised, there will be further opportunities to meet Holsworthy College staff for both children and parents.

## Other News

### Class Pages

The Class Pages on the website have been updated with information about this term's curriculum and classroom routines.

<https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/halwill-primary-school/children/class-pages/>

### Outlines of Support

Sometimes children need a little extra support or intervention. Teachers will be noting any additional support or intervention for those children that need it, on an 'Outline of Support' and will send this home in the next couple of weeks. Please note the 'Outline of Support' is not aimed at children with Special Educational Needs, as these children will have a 'My Plan'.

### Music Lessons:

Ruth Hayes who currently offers individual, paid for lessons in woodwind and violin at school now has availability for piano lessons at school.

### January 20

Selected Y5/6 Netball – Holsworthy College

### January 21

Friends' Meeting – 9:00 am

After school club (Tri Golf) Classes 3 & 4

Wild Tribe for Class 4

Selected Y6 G&T Drama Workshop – Hatherleigh Primary School

### January 22

Recorder lessons for Class 4

### January 23

After school club (Games and puzzles) Classes 1-4

### February 3

Y5/6 Multi Skills Sports Festival – Holsworthy College

### February 17

Spring Half Term starts

### February 24

Non-pupil Day

### February 25

Pupils return to school

### March 5

Bags2School

### March 26

Mary Poppins School Trip

Please email her at [info@ruthhayesmusic.com](mailto:info@ruthhayesmusic.com) for more information. Mrs Hayes will teach her individual lessons on Tuesdays.

### **On-line Safety – Gaming**

Internet Safety Day is on 11<sup>th</sup> February. We will be focusing on this essential topic every week in assembly this half term.

Last week, children learnt the importance of only playing age-appropriate games. If the age rating is above the child's age, this means the game may have harmful sexual or violent content. Please be vigilant about this.

Here are the videos we have shared with the children:

Keeping Safe While Gaming <https://swgfl.oropics/gaming/>

Look at age ratings and what they mean:  
<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/video-games-age-ratings-explained/>

### **Vehicle Access to School Forecourt**

Please be aware that the area in front of the school entrance is accessed by vehicles such as delivery drivers, maintenance vehicles and kitchen staff. Please take care when walking to and from the school entrance.

### **No Mobile Phones on Site**

A reminder that mobile phones are not allowed to be used on school site both indoors or outdoors, unless in a private area in school such as an office. Thank you for supporting this.

*Mrs Ruh Alford, Executive Headteacher*

## **Useful Links**

### **School Contact Details**

**Tel:** 01409 221476

**Email:** [admin@halwill.devon.sch.uk](mailto: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](mailto:safeguarding@halwill.devon.sch.uk)

Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Ruh Alford

Deputy Safeguarding Leads

Miss Jayne Miners

Mrs Rosie Caswey

Mrs Alix Rothery

Safeguarding Governor

Mrs Alison Clark

Attendance Officer

Mrs Ceren Brooker

**If you have concerns that your child may have a Special Educational Need, please raise this with Mrs Caswey, the Federation SENDCO. You can contact her via the school office to arrange a meeting.**

#### 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 <b>Relationships</b>	For being <b>Resilient</b>	For being <b>Resourceful</b>	For being <b>Reflective</b>	For being <b>Respectful</b>
Elsie – Class 2	Dylan – Class 3	Grace – Class 1	JR – Class 1	
Bella – Class 3	Matilde – Class 3	Elodie – Class 2	Elsie – Class 4	
Ryan – Class 3	(17 <sup>th</sup> Jan)	EH – Class 3	(17 <sup>th</sup> Jan)	
Poppy – Class 4		(17 <sup>th</sup> Jan)		
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For all families in Devon the Family hub is available to help. Phone 03300 415494 to speak to a Family Hub Navigator who will be able to provide support and guidance – whether you're having a parenting issue or you're feeling overwhelmed with the pressures of family life, a member of the friendly, supportive team will be able to give you guidance and signpost you to information and advice and help you with understanding and accessing relevant services and information.

**How can we help?**

- ✓ I think my child is dyslexic
- ✓ I'm going through a divorce
- ✓ I'm new to the area
- ✓ My child keeps biting me
- ✓ I think my 14 year old has a boyfriend...

**Request a call back**

Fill in your details and one of our friendly, knowledgeable practitioners will call you back.

Or, if you prefer, give us a call...

0800 538 5458  
MON-FRI 10AM - 4PM

No question is off limits...

Devon Family Hubs

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Based in Bideford, Tavistock or online.

Check out our Devon Family Hubs website where you can find a wealth of information about our face-to-face and digital services across Devon, together with information about SEND services, what's on in the community and signposting to Ages and Stages

advice. There's also a link to our Request for Contact form.

**REQUEST FOR CONTACT**

**Devon Family HUBS**

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(25 WITH SEND)

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Action for Children are supporting Devon Family Hubs. Family Hubs are a developing network of services and community groups that are working together to support families and their children to find opportunities that meet their needs. Please see our website for more details.

**OUR SUPPORT:**

Online Digital Chat

<https://service.actionforchildren.org.uk/devon-family-hubs/for-parents-and-carers/face-to-face-services-in-devon/>