



Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Dear Parents,

It was great to see children dressed in spots for Children in Need. Well done to the School Council who organised 'On the Spot' activities, as part of fundraising. Thank you for your donations, we raised:



£89.10



Last week, Sir Geoffrey Cox, MP, visited us. The children asked some excellent and challenging questions. Sir Geoffrey talked to the children about the job of an MP and helped their understanding of the democratic system in this country. I also had the opportunity to raise important issues with him that are affecting rural schools.



Unfortunately the Tag Rugby for Class 3 was postponed by Holsworthy College this week. This has been rearranged for Monday 15th January.

On Monday 27th November, Georgina Griffiths, Phoebe Hoare, Leonie Peterson -Morris, Alfie Green and George Wonnacott will be attending sessions at Holsworthy College designed for pupils with a particular talent in sport. Well done to them for being selected. If your child is attending you should already have received information about this. Please let the school office know your child will be attending.



I hope you found the meeting with your child's teacher helpful. If you were not able to make the day, please contact the office and we will re-arrange your meeting for another day.

Vision Screening YR

This has now been rearranged for Wednesday 6th December

Apply for Your Child's Primary School Place

Do you or someone you know, have a child born between the 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020? If you do, they are due to start primary school in September 2024. You will be able to apply for their school place from the 15th November 2023. Please be aware that the Local Authority is no longer sending any letters out to families inviting them to apply. You can pre-register your details so that you receive an email and/or a text message when the system goes live for applications on the 15th of November. Please visit the web pages below for further information about the process - <https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-primary-school-place/>

You can register to receive a reminder by completing this form

<https://forms.office.com/e/ksWfDUXZKxhttps://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place/>



Every day is Open Day!! We don't have an open day for prospective parents because we prefer to offer individual tours to families so you can see us as we are on an ordinary day. Please contact the office if you would like to arrange a visit.

Clubs



After School Clubs

This half term's clubs can be found on our website <https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/halwill-primary-school/about-us/before-after-school-clubs/>

From now until February half term, Class 4 will not be allowed to walk home or to the Parish Hall, after clubs because of the low light levels. Please collect children from the front of the school.

Christmas Dates

<p>Tuesday 5th December</p> 	<p>Non-uniform Day – children to bring in a hamper item or £1 to Friends' Christmas fund.</p> <p>3:30 – 5:00 pm Children's Christmas Disco Party</p> <p>5:00 pm Christmas Tree Light Switch-On – parents / carers welcome</p> 
<p>Thursday 7th December</p>	<p>2:30 pm Class 1 & 2 Christmas Production – Parents and carers welcome.</p>
<p>Friday 8th December</p>	<p>9:30 am Class 1 & 2 Christmas Production – Parents and carers welcome</p>
<p>Monday 11th December</p>	<p>2:20 pm Class 3 Christmas Production 3:00 pm Class 4 Christmas Production</p>
<p>Tuesday 12th December</p> 	<p>5:30 pm Class 3 Christmas Production 6:15 pm Class 4 Christmas Production Parents and carers welcome</p>
<p>Wednesday 13th December</p>	<p>Christmas Lunch</p>
<p>Friday 15th December</p>	<p>9:30 am Church Service in the Baptist Chapel – Parents welcome</p>

Next week we will share a Google form for you to book tickets for which showing of the performance you would like to attend.



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

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

Safeguarding

Helping children spot fake news:

HOW TO SPOT FAKE NEWS

The news you see online or on social media isn't always going to be accurate. And it can be hard to tell what's real and what's fake.

Some websites will report fake news or things that aren't completely true. They might do it because they want to scare you or make you do something. Or because they make money from people going to their site.

Fake news can look real, but there are ways to help you spot it.

- **Check the source**

Check the name of the website and its web address to see if it looks real. Some sites will try to look like other websites so you think they're genuine.

- **Look for evidence**

Find out whether it's being reported on other sites that you know and trust. If it's only being reported on websites you've never heard of then it might not be true.

- **Don't decide straight away**

Sometimes headlines or stories are designed to scare or interest you. Read what's in the article carefully, ask yourself whether it seems true and why they're saying it.

- **Ask someone you trust**

Try asking an adult you trust to see what they think. If you're worried about something you've seen online, you can always talk to a Childline counsellor.

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
Louis—Class 1 Millie—Class 1 Ellie—Class 3 Freya—Class 3 Phoebe—Class 4	Lottie—Class 1 Alfie—Class 4 Thomas—Class 2	Autumn—Class 4	Evelyn—Class 3 Charlie—Class 2	Ada—Class 2

Dates for your diary:

December

6th	Vision Screening YR
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
7th	Class 1 & 2 Christmas Production, 2.30pm
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
15th	Class 3 Tag Rugby (Rescheduled)

February

12th to 16th	Half term
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March

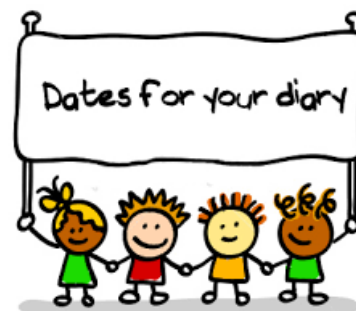
11th	KS1 Performing Arts Festival Y1 and 2 at HCC
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June

24th	Yr 5 & 6 Cricket Festival at HCC
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July

8th	Beach Festival Y3 and 4 at Bude
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Term dates: <https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/halwill-primary-school/parents/term-dates/>

SOUTH WEST
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Christmas Lunch

**Wednesday
13th
December**

**Roast Turkey
Or
Vegetarian Roast**



Served with

Roast Potatoes, Pigs in Blankets
Sage & Onion Stuffing, Peas, Carrots & Sprouts
Gravy & Cranberry Sauce

**Christmas Pudding Cake & custard
Ice Cream
Fresh Fruit**



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>

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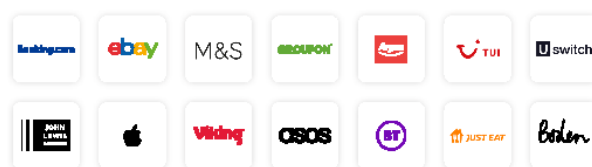
Friends of Halwill Primary School

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



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easyfundraising App



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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





The HAF website is now live!

**The programme of events for
Winter has now gone live in
Devon**

<http://devon.cc/haf-winter-23>

**Please share far and wide!
Places are limited**

Places are available for children who are
accessing benefit related free school
meals

<https://devon.cc/haf-parents-info>



**MERRY
XMAS**



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.