



Halwill Primary School

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Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Dear Parents,

It was so wonderful to have a vibrant school again last week with all the children returning. They settled back well and we had lots of happy smiling faces.

If your children were a little more emotional than usual in the evenings or reluctant to come in the mornings, try not to worry because this has been a huge emotional change for children very unlike a normal return at the end of a holiday. Even for those children who were in school are also getting used to the new routines. Also, children will be more tired than usual. Hopefully once the new routine is established, any emotional issues will be resolved, however, if you are concerned do let us know and we will do our best to support you and your child. It was very much a 'pastoral' focus last week with teachers planning engaging activities to excite the children to return and provide opportunities to rebuild connections with peers.

This week 'Read, Write Inc.' lessons begin again. Staff are looking carefully at how children have progressed with this through lockdown. Please don't be concerned if your child repeats any books they have already read. Staff want to be sure all aspects are fully embedded.

Drop-off arrangements

Thank you so much for supporting the staggered start in the mornings and arriving at your child's allocated time. Things seemed to have settled in the car park. Thank you for your support with social distancing, using the one-way system and wearing face coverings (unless exempt). Here is a reminder of the timings.

Please note the gate opens at 8:40 am, please try not to arrive before this time as it leads to crowding at the gate.

	Start of Day	End of Day
Class 4 + younger siblings	8:45 am	3:30 pm
Class 3 + younger siblings	8:50 am	3:25 pm
Class 2 + younger siblings	8:55 am	3:20 pm
Class 1	9:00 am	3:15 pm

Comic Relief Friday 19th March



The theme this year is 'Funny is Power'. Children may come to school in mufti (non-uniform) or dress as a superhero for a donation of £1 to Comic Relief.

We ask that children don't wear a red nose to school as these are not particularly hygienic in this current climate. If they would like to come to school with a painted red nose (using make-up or face paint) that will be fine.

Wishing you a good week ahead.

Mrs Ruh Alford
Executive Headteacher

**HOW YOUR SUPERPOWERS CAN UNLEASH
SERIOUS GOOD AROUND
THE WORLD**

£10 could fund an awareness session on Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) for 25 young people in the UK.

£100 could fund ten potentially lifesaving calls for young men at risk of suicide in the UK.

£20 could buy a mobility aid for a young disabled person in Malawi, so they can go to school.

£200 could buy four bikes for health visitors in Ghana so they can provide vital healthcare for hard-to-reach families.

£50 could provide legal services to reunite refugee families.

£500 could get 2,000 meals to vulnerable children and families in the UK.

RED NOSE DAY FUNNY IS POWER FRIDAY 19 MARCH

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Red Nose Day is an initiative of Comic Relief, operating name of Charity Projects, registered charity in England & Wales (26568) and Scotland (SC039730). Photography by: Thoko Chikondi, Nikolay Doychinov, James Cillham, Matthew Joseph, Matthew Kynaston and Kennedy Zibrim Sandow courtesy ADDRO.

Dates for your diary:

March

19th *Comic Relief day*

April

1st *Last day of Spring term*

2nd to 16th *Easter Holidays*

19th *Start of Summer term*

26th to 30th *Bikeability—Year 5*

30th *Tempest individual and class photos*

May

3rd *Bank holiday*

31st May to 4th June *Half term*

June

7th *Non-pupil day*

8th *Term starts*



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 (details below).

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.

If your child has:
a runny nose, is sneezing or feeling unwell
But they don't have:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough, or
- a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

These are not normally symptoms of coronavirus

Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial 111 or see your GP

If your child has:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough, or
- a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

This could be a sign of coronavirus

Book a test



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