



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

Dear Parents,

We had a festive start to the season last week with our Christmas Tree Light Switch-On. Huge thanks to the Friends for purchasing the real tree and lights which added a bit of much needed sparkle. Also a big thanks to Andy Moakes, Federation Health and Safety Lead for putting up the tree and ensuring it is securely tethered to the school.

COVID Safety: Last week we asked parents and carers to wear a face covering at drop-off and pick-up while in the Parish Hall Car Park and on school site. Thank you for supporting us with this and for keeping a 2m distance between households and using the one-way system. We will not be policing this and rely on your support, so thank you.

If your child tests positive for COVID-19 in the first 7 days of the Christmas Holidays (which takes us to Christmas Day), you must let us know by emailing safeguarding@halwill.devon.sch.uk We will need to seek advice from Public Health and we may need to ask children within the bubble to isolate, even though it is school holidays.

Christmas: Please see the attached Christmas Programme with an update regarding **parties on Friday 18th December**, the last day of term. These will be in bubbles and take place in the afternoon. Please send in a plate of party food for your child, this will be in addition to their lunch so you don't need to send in a feast! Just something you are happy for them to have as an extra treat (but no nuts or products with nuts please). Please label the plate and cover with foil or cling film. Children can come to school in their party clothes as long as they are appropriate for school and the weather.

On **Wednesday 16th December, children will have Christmas lunch**. They can come to school **mufti** (non-uniform) and either wear a Christmas jumper or something Christmassy, even tinsel. Please don't buy something especially, unless you want to. Donations to Save the Children will be gratefully received.

The specific dates for sending in Christmas cards are to allow quarantining of the cards in the post box for 72 hours. Please remind children NOT to lick the envelope flap but instead tuck it in. Please also ensure the name and class of the child is on the envelope.

Free School Meals Over Christmas: Devon County Council (DCC) have now put in place arrangements to provide supermarket vouchers to families of children who receive free school meals, to help their families buy groceries over the Christmas holidays.

From Tuesday 8 December, DCC will be sending a unique code per child to all families that are currently in receipt of Free School Meals. Each code can be used once on a website called 'Hawk Select' to redeem vouchers to the value of £30 per child (£15 per week for the two weeks of school holidays) for Sainsbury's, Tesco, Morrison's, Asda, M&S Food and Waitrose.

The website requires families to provide an email address for the vouchers to be sent to once they have chosen their preferred supermarket. When received, they can save the vouchers to their phone or tablet to use online (depending on the supermarket) or show at the checkout in store. Alternatively, they can print the vouchers off to give to the cashier.

We are conscious that a few parents may not have access to the internet or a mobile device to receive and store the vouchers on, if this is the case, please contact the office, as they will be able to complete the process for you on the Hawk Select website and print off the vouchers. Parents will need to provide the office with their unique code in order for us to redeem the voucher on the Hawk Select website on their behalf.

DCC education helpline is available on 0345 155 1019 for any questions about the distribution of the unique codes. There are also some useful FAQs on the Hawk Select website along with contact details for any technical support about using the codes and vouchers.

There is still time to register for your eligibility for free school meals and receive these vouchers. With financial circumstances continuing to change due to the impact of the second lockdown and tier 2 restrictions, some families may become eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) and entitled to **vouchers during holidays or school meals during term time as well as a free set of uniform, free Morning and After School Clubs and free or subsidised trips.**

Please check the criteria below and follow the link, all you will need is your date of birth and National Insurance Number.

https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2FCCSCitizenPortal_LIVE%2F

- 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 as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, 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).

If you are successful, please forward any evidence you receive (or do a screenshot of the result) to admin@halwill.devon.sch.uk

If you need help applying, please speak to a member of the admin team who will support you through the process.

Enrichment Lessons in the Spring Term from January 2021

Please note that PE kit in the winter is navy/red house T-Shirt, long dark leggings / tracksuit bottoms, red school jumper/hoodie and trainers. Please encourage children to stick to this so they continue to look smart on days when they come to school in PE kit.

MONDAY: Class 3 to come in PE kits

TUESDAY: Class 1, 2 and 4 to come in PE kits for Dance and Orienteering.

Class 4 will also be doing Wild Tribe and should ideally bring waterproofs and wellies to wear over their uniform. If they don't have waterproofs then some other long clothing to cover arms and legs (not jeans) should be sent in. **Unfortunately, the Wild Tribe provider's risk assessment will not allow children to take part if they have bare arms or legs.** In addition long hair must be tied up.

THURSDAY: Class 1, 2 & 4 to come in PE kits

Clubs: Now that Lockdown restrictions have lifted, we can resume after school clubs. Here is the clubs information for the first half of the Spring Term.

Tuesday	Club: Performing Arts	Years 1 & 2
Thursday	Club: Multi-skills Teacher: Budehaven	Years 3 & 4
Thursday	Club: Netball	Years 5 & 6

Celebration Assembly: With the exciting news that the Pfizer vaccine has been approved in this country. We learnt a little about the dream team couple behind the vaccine. We talked about what a vaccine is and how they work and children were reminded of their recent 'flu vaccine. The children learnt that Ugur Sahin and Ozlem Tureci who have developed the first COVID-19 vaccine inspire us to Aim High, Be Resilient and Take Care of Each Other. Both scientists are the children of Turkish migrants who moved to Germany in the late 1960s. They got married in 2002 but only left the lab for a short while for their wedding. As soon as they heard about COVID-19 in January 2020, they told all their employees to work as hard as possible to find a vaccine but some were not happy because they had holidays booked. Ugur and Ozlem insisted they stay and work because it is so important to find a vaccine.

Thanks from the Foodbank: Here is a thank you note from the Foodbank, we had very generous donations from our families which will be helping others.



Mrs Ruh Alford
Executive Headteacher

Wishing you all a very
Merry Christmas
and a prosperous New Year

Christmas at Halwill 2020



Tuesday 1st December

3:45 pm Christmas Crafts and Tree Light Switch-On for
pupils and staff only.

Late collection as follows- Class 1: 3:50 pm, Class 2: 3:55 pm,

Class 3: 4:00 pm, Class 4: 4:05 pm

Class 4 must be collected. Please let the office know if you do not want your child to stay for the crafts and switch-on.

1st, 7th, 14th December

Christmas Card Post Boxes for each bubble will be ready on Tuesday 1st Dec. To enable cards to quarantine, please note the dates below:

- Cards can be posted on the 1st only and will be handed out on the 4th.
- Cards can be posted on the 7th only and will be handed out on the 10th.
- Cards can be posted on the 14th (last day to post) only and will be handed out on the 17th.

Monday 7th December

Please can costumes be brought to school in a labelled bag. Teachers will soon inform you what needs to be sent in.

Wednesday 16th December

Christmas lunch—Children can wear a Christmas jumper or something Christmassy (even some tinsel) in aid of Save the Children.

1:30 pm Children will join a virtual Devon Big Sing.

Thursday 17th December

9:30 am Federation Christmas Show Assembly. Children will watch each others' virtual show and sing carols via Zoom.—for pupils, staff and governors.

That evening virtual Christmas Shows to be shared via Dojo and Facebook.

Friday 18th December

Children's Christmas Party- in Bubbles. Children can wear party clothes to school and bring a plate of party food for themselves. (no nuts please)

Father Christmas will also visit (socially distanced). His elves will let us know when!

Dates for your diary:

December

- 7th Christmas card posting day
7th Costumes can be brought to school
11th LAST day to order Christmas Lunch. Please use schoolmoney.
11th LAST day to bring in costumes
14th LAST Christmas card posting day
16th Christmas lunch (Please order through schoolmoney)
16th Christmas jumper day (Voluntary donation of £1 towards Save the Children charity.)
17th Federation Christmas Show Assembly. (Pupils, staff & governors only).
18th End of term

January

- 4th Start of Spring term
21st Special menu (order on schoolmoney)
28th Individual & class photos





Christmas Jumper day will be Wednesday 16th December (same day as our Christmas lunch).

There will be a voluntary donation of £1 towards the Save the Children charity.

Christmas jumpers do not need to be bought, you can decorate an existing jumper with tinsel, etc.



Christmas lunch is on Wednesday 16th December.

Last day to order is Friday 11th December.

Thank you



The Carey Qualities

In the Carey Federation, we are aspirational learners who build

Relationships by being **Resilient, Resourceful, Reflective** and **Respectful**

Each Friday 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
Emily—class 2 George—class 4 Carter—class 3 Isla—class 3 Evie—class 1	Enya—class 4 Jacob - class 3 Finley—class 1	Emelia—class 3	James—class 4 Arthur—class 3	Brownen—class 2

SIMS Parent

Have you updated your consent form to allow photos or videos of your child to be shared on Class Dojo (this includes the Christmas performances)?



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