



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

Dear Parents,

I can't believe we are in the final week of the first half term. Despite the 'new normal' the children have thoroughly enjoyed being back, seeing their friends, moving forward in their learning and having a routine. We hope this continues and as it stands, Devon remains in the 'Medium' alert category. However, there is a lot of talk in the media of a national 'Circuit Breaker' which may very well come to nothing as the official government stance is that local action is the current method of choice. Nevertheless, it is worth being prepared so I wanted to remind you of the **Remote Learning Policy** and letter which we shared with you last month. Here is a link to these documents: <https://www.thecarey federation.co.uk/home-learning-information/>

Last week Class 2 enjoyed a multi-skills session with Mr Wes Pugh of Holsworthy College and today they have had a fabulous Jamaica Day, which celebrates all the children have learnt this term in their topic. The children have enjoyed many different activities today, some of which will feature in their Harvest Assembly.

Photos: Individual and class photos have been booked for **Thursday 28th January**. We wanted to avoid this term as we get used to the 'new normal' ourselves. Hopefully, the weather will be fine and photos can take place outside. If not, we will create a suitable space within school to ensure we are Covid safe. Sibling photos will be able to take place as the children are from the same household.

A photograph of the new Class 1 children will be in the **Thursday 22nd October edition of The North Devon Journal**. A copy will also be in either this week or next week's Holsworthy Post.

Enrichment After Half Term: All enrichment activities will continue as they have been and change-over will take place in January.

MONDAY

Class 3 to come in PE kits (and tracksuits as it is getting colder)

TUESDAY

Class 1 & 2 **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.

Class 3 & 4 to come in PE kits (and tracksuits as it is getting colder) for Dance and Orienteering.

THURSDAY

Class 1, 2 & 4 to come in PE kits (and tracksuits as it is getting colder)

Clubs: Here is the clubs information for after half term. Please note the swap for Classes 2 and 3.

Tuesday	Club: Performing Arts Teacher: Jess Squire	Years 1 & 2
Thursday	Club: Multi-sports Teacher: Budehaven	Years 3 & 4
Thursday	Club: Netball Teachers: Sue Manners	Years 5 & 6

Celebration Assembly:

Last week the theme was 'Be Safe'. We looked at the badges, staff, visitors and governors wear to help us know they are safe people. Children were reminded to tell an adult if they see someone without a badge.

As it was World Mental Health Day, the previous Saturday, we talked about feelings and that we may sometimes feel sad, angry, stressed or worried and that there are lots of things we can do make ourselves feel better and look after our Mental Health but sometimes worries or feelings can be too big for us to cope with on our own so finding someone to talk to can really help. Children were told that their teachers and teaching assistants are there for them to talk to if they need to. Here is the video we used as a stimulus:

<https://youtu.be/nCrjv3-Js>

Harvest Celebration: Harvest is an important time of the year, particularly as many of our children are from farming families. Harvest allows us to give thanks and value the contribution our local farmers provide to the country and beyond. Unfortunately, we will not be able to invite parents and the wider community in to celebrate this year so instead we will put together a virtual assembly, which will be shared on Friday 23rd October via Class Dojo and the school Facebook page. We are mindful that some of our community are still very isolated and they really appreciate the cheer the children's presentations can offer. **Please ensure you have returned the permissions sheet**, sent earlier this term, so we know exactly who can and can't be included in the Facebook version of the video.

We are also be collecting non-perishable foods and toiletries for the Holsworthy Food Bank. Please give generously if you can, as many are suffering from the financial difficulties of the pandemic so your donations will be gratefully received. Thank you to those who have already donated.

Mrs Ruh Alford
Executive Headteacher

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
Lilian—class 4 Oscar—class 3 Evie—class 1	Lily—class 3 Jack S—class 2	Carter—class 3	Maisie—class 4 Drake—class 3	Leah—class 3 Megan—class 1 Harley—class 1

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

Dates for your diary:

October

26th to 30th

Half term

31st

Secondary school application deadline (Year 6's)

November

2nd

Non pupil day

3rd

Non pupil day

December

16th

Christmas lunch

18th

End of term

January

4th

Start of Spring term

28th

Individual & class photos



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