



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

Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term. As you know we are now in Lockdown 2. We are pleased that schools have remained open for the education and wellbeing of the children. We have had to make a few changes, all correspondence sent last week can be found here: <https://www.thecarey federation.co.uk/halwill-general-info/>

In summary, adults in school are now wearing face coverings and after school clubs and music tuition with Mr Rogozinsky have been cancelled. The direction of the one-way system for pick-up has been reversed to clock wise (at drop-off it is anti-clockwise). Thank you for your support with this, the change was made so that the children will always walk the shortest, safest route.

Here is a reminder of drop-off and pick-up times, thank you for keeping to these as it enables the stagger to work:

	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

Morning Club continues this half term as do the following lessons. **Please note PE kit is a red or navy blue House T-shirt and dark shorts and in colder weather children should wear leggings / dark tracksuit bottoms and red school hoodie or school jumper**

MONDAY Class 3 to come in PE kits.

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 for Dance and Orienteering.

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

Harvest Celebration: I hope you enjoyed the virtual Harvest Assembly. The children were excellent in presenting, dancing and singing. Their harvest themed art work was also wonderful. A huge thank you for your very generous donations for the Food Bank.

Children in Need Day Friday 13th November: Children can come to school in non-uniform (mufti) on Friday and wear something spotty if they wish to. A reminder that clothing should be suitable for school and the weather.

Remembrance: The children have been learning about the significance of this occasion and each class has made a wreath or cross, which I laid at the war memorial on Sunday. On Wednesday 11/11 we will be having a special Remembrance Assembly for children and staff of Halwill and Ashwater Schools via Zoom. Rev. Skinner will be leading the prayers and the children will be contributing. I am sorry that we aren't able to invite parents to this or have our usual Remembrance Assembly but the changes have provided the opportunity to link up all the children in the Federation, which I think will make it special.

Sadly, there are no poppies in school to sell this year so we suggest that if each child brings in a voluntary donation of **£2 for Friday's Mufti Day, we will split the total between Children in Need and the Royal British Legion.**



Parent Consultation: This is an important opportunity for teachers to meet with parents to share academic progress and to discuss any pastoral issues. Obviously this year we are unable to do these meetings in person. Therefore these will be done via Zoom and you will also receive a short written report. Please contact the school office via email or telephone to book your 10 minute appointment. Joining instructions will be sent to you via Class Dojo nearer the time. Meeting times are available as follows:

Class 1 and Class 3 - Tuesday 24th November 1:30 – 6:00 pm

Class 2 and Class 4 – Thursday 26th November 1:30 – 6:00 pm

Read, Write, Inc.

I have been into all the groups and can see that the children are really benefiting and enjoying the new Read, Write, Inc. programme. They have all been re-assessed and some may be in different groups as of today. We are now introducing the reading book element, this carefully ties the phonic sounds taught to the reading book. In the next week or so, the children will bring the books home and you will receive a letter from Mrs Beer and Mrs Cawsey, our Reading Leaders to explain how the reading book system works. This video shows how re-reading the books which are carefully matched to phonic sounds already learnt enables great progress: <https://youtu.be/-6dSsXkD1wM>

Celebration Assembly:

As it was a short week, we didn't give out certificates. The theme was 'Being Safe' and 'Taking Care of Each Other'. We looked at why adults are wearing face coverings in school and reminders about handwashing. We also talked about the current lockdown and that although we are still coming to school, we may not be able to see friends and family outside of school. This will be hard for us but it is part of 'Taking Care of Each Other'. We also revised fireworks and bonfire safety.

Mrs Ruh Alford
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If you have not received your email invitation or are having issues, please email the office.

Christmas lunch is on Wednesday 16th December.

To help with catering numbers, please order as soon as possible using the schoolmoney ordering system.

Thank you



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:

December

16th Christmas lunch (Please order through schoolmoney)

18th End of term

January

4th Start of Spring term

28th Individual & class photos

