

Monday 10th February 2025

Halwill Primary School

Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Newsletter No.11 Spring Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe we are nearly at half term! It's been a busy and productive few weeks. A huge well done to Class 1 for their outstanding assembly to parents and carers on Friday. I was so impressed with their knowledge about penguins and their confident articulation. I am sure all present will agree that the progress that all the Reception children have made is fantastic!



I hope the children have a well-deserved break over half term. Don't forget we have a non-pupil day on Monday 24th February so **the first day back for the children will be Tuesday 25th February.**

Parent Consultation, Tuesday 4th March 1:45 – 6:00 pm

This is an important opportunity to meet your child's teacher and discuss their progress and look at their books. From **Wednesday 12th February**, you can book your 10 minute slot by calling, emailing or dropping into the office.

Safe Driving

A reminder to please drive at the appropriate speed when in the Parish Hall Car Park or if you are coming onto school site. This is for the safety of all the children. Thank you for your support with this.

Wild Tribe

After half term, Class 3 will have Wild Tribe on a Tuesday afternoon. This will commence Tuesday 25th February. On Wild Tribe days, please can children bring in waterproofs to wear over school clothes and wellington boots. If they don't have waterproofs, then some other long clothing to cover arms and legs (not jeans) should be sent in. The plan for the remainder of the year is: Spring ii - Class 3 Summer i - Class 1 & 2 Summer ii - Class 4

Federation Trip to Mary Poppins; Theatre Royal Plymouth

Following the success of the trip to see Aladdin last year, we have organised a whole Federation trip to see the stage show of Disney's Mary

THE CAREY FEDERATION



Upcoming Events

February 11

After school club (Tri Golf) Classes 3 & 4 (final session)

Wild Tribe for Class 4 (final session)

Recorder lessons for Class 4 (note new day of Tuesday)

Internet Safety Day

February 12

Biscuits – treat Wednesday before half term!

February 13

After school club (Games and puzzles)

Classes 1-4 (final session)

February 17

Spring Half Term starts

February 24

Non-pupil Day

February 25

Pupils return to school

Wild Tribe for Class 3

February 27

Dartmoor Prison Trip -Class 3

March 4

Parent Consultation 1:45 – 6:00pm

March 5

Bags2School

Scribbleton Trip – Class 1&2

March 6

World Book Day

March 10

Tempest Photos - Class & Leavers

March 13

Class 4 Assembly 2:45pm – 3:30pm

March 14

Class 2 Assembly 2:45pm – 3:30pm

March 26

Mary Poppins School Trip

March 28

Class 3 Assembly 2:45pm – 3:30pm

Poppins the Musical on Wednesday 26th March 2025. A letter will come home shortly.

Other News

On-line Safety – Internet Safety Day

Internet Safety Day is on 11th February. We have been focusing on this essential topic every week in assembly this half term. This week there will be an even greater focus. Last week, we looked at on-line relationships: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/articles/z2tfjfr>

This week we are looking at sharing pictures on-line: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/articles/z64s9ty>

Start of School Day

A reminder that we have a 'soft-start' from 8:50 am so by 9:00 am all children should be in school and ready for learning to start. Coming in, even a few minutes late, can be very disruptive to the children already in class and those arriving late can feel awkward coming into a quiet classroom. Thank you for your support with this.

After School Clubs

We are in the process of organising clubs for after half term. A link to these will be sent via text message later this week.

World Book Day- Thursday 6th March:

"No matter what anybody tells you, words and ideas can change the world." -John Keating This year for World Book Day, the Carey Federation will be exploring the book 'The Word Collector' by Peter Reynolds.

The day will involve a whole Federation assembly, the sharing of stories, poetry and various activities around this book. As the focus is on words, all children and staff can come dressed up as a word!

What word will you choose? Archaeologist to extravagant.....the possibilities are endless! Have a look at the images below for some inspiration.



Mrs Rothery

Friends' Biscuit Treat

On Wednesday 12th February, those who have placed an order for our biscuits from Ellis Bakery will be able to collect them from Reception at the end of the day. Thank you to Friends for organising.

Mrs Ruh Alford, Executive Headteacher

Useful Links

School Contact Details

Tel: 01409 221476

Email: admin@halwill.devon.sch.uk

Website: [Halwill Primary School – Halwill and Ashwater Primary Schools](#)

Safeguarding: If you have any concerns about a child, please speak to one of the safeguarding team or email safeguarding@halwill.devon.sch.uk

Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Ruh Alford

Deputy Safeguarding Leads

Miss Jayne Miners

Mrs Rosie Cawsey

Mrs Alix Rothery

Safeguarding Governor

Mrs Alison Clark

Attendance Officer

Mrs Ceren Brooker

If you have concerns that your child may have a Special Educational Need, please raise this with Mrs Caswey, the Federation SENDCO. You can contact her via the school office to arrange a meeting.

The Carey Qualities



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

Each week children are awarded certificates in our Celebration Assembly for making a significant effort to develop one of our Carey Qualities. 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
HB – Class 1 SBH – Class 1 Erin – Class 2 Oskar – Class 4 (7 th Feb)	Jack – Class 3 (7 th Feb)	Joseph – Class 2 Freddie W Dexter – Class 4 Nicholas – Class 4 (7 th Feb)	Emily – Class 1 Aiden – Class 2 Dougie – Class 2 (7 th Feb)	Scarlett – Class 2 (31 st Jan) Belle – Class 3 (7 th Feb)



Hatwill Primary School

Please leave your donations, in the bike shed

Tuesday 4th March between 09.30am to 3.00pm

(Bag 2 School collecting Wednesday 5th March)

BAG 2 SCHOOL is free fundraising, that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second hand clothing. All the bags will be weighed, and we will be paid for the total weight collected.

Please use your own bags and there is no limit to the number of bags you wish to donate, just ensure they are items in the "we collect" list.

Help us raise money for Hatwill Primary School while you have a good clear out!

If you have several bags to donate, please do **NOT** drive into school at drop off and pick up times.

This will cause congestion and block access for people who have prior permission to drive down to school, during this time.

If you need to drive down, with your donations please stick to the times above.

Many thanks

Friends of Hatwill Primary School

