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## *Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other*

Dear Parents,

Last week we had our first Celebration Assembly in the hall after 18 months! It was wonderful to give out certificates and hear live applause, instead of through a computer! We have not yet resumed hand-shaking but instead did 'air-shakes' which the children responded well to. It was also lovely to see the children sharing their learning in front of the whole school, again this is something we haven't been able to do since March 2020.

We talked about 'Being Resilient' and what is needed to face a challenge after things go wrong. We looked at the examples of Emma Radacanu and Sophia Dunkley. We had discussed both women in the summer term so now we looked at how Emma came back from her health struggle at Wimbledon to win the US Open and how Sophia, the first black woman to play Test cricket for England (and former pupil of mine) needed to be resilient after being 'out for a duck' in a previous match to scoring the winning runs in the recent Test against India. We also looked at the example of David Smith, who won double Gold in the Tokyo Paralympics in Boccia. David is a friend of one of our families so his resilience was more meaningful to children. I was very impressed that even our youngest children are joining in with our motto and starting to show an understanding of its meaning.

We do hope to invite parents back to the Celebration Assembly but we feel that as this is a weekly event, it will be better to wait until January to do this, just while we wait to see how the COVID situation develops this term. I will keep you updated.

Hopefully all the children who worked towards a 'Green' Blue-Peter badge last academic year, should have received these. Well done to all the children involved.

### Harvest and Christmas Dates

Rev. Skinner will be joining us for our **Harvest Assembly on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 9:15 am**. Now that we are allowed to, we would like to invite parents to this and it will also enable us to see how feasible inviting parents to Celebration Assembly will be. There is no need to pre-book but please do wear a face covering. Please do not come to school if you or someone you have been in contact with has symptoms of or has tested positive for COVID-19.

Our **Christmas Church Service will be on Thursday December 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am** at the Baptist Church. Again, we hope parents will be able to attend this, provided the COVID situation allows. Christmas lunch for the children will be Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December. We have not yet set the other Christmas dates.

### Trip to Bideford Arts Gallery

On Wednesday 22nd September we have arranged a Federation trip for Class 4 to visit the Burton Gallery in Bideford. Learning opportunities include exploring the 'Face Value' exhibition and taking part in a workshop. The exhibition brings together more than 45 original works by some of the country's most celebrated twentieth-century and contemporary artists, including David Hockney, Barbara Hepworth, Lucian Freud, L.S. Lowry and Chris Ofili. Parents should have received a letter about this last

week. Many thanks to Mrs Skinner for her efforts in organising the trip and in securing a contribution from the gallery towards the cost of transport.

### Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)

RSE stands for “Relationships and Sex Education” and is part of Relationships and Health Education. New statutory guidance has been introduced to teach children about relationships and health. The Relationships Education, RSE, and Health Education (England) Regulations 2019 have made Relationships Education compulsory in all primary schools.

Through the summer term Jayne Miners, Head of Teaching and Learning, worked very hard to review our RSE policy and learning resources we use for teaching this. Governors and staff have been fully involved in this process and now we want you as parents to have a full understanding and the opportunity to share your views and ask questions about the changes to RSE and what it will mean for your child.

This week, Sarah Revers, Systems Administrator will work with Jayne Miners to upload the RSE policy to our website, along with a number of other documents to explain the content and expectation to you further. There will also be the opportunity for you to share your views via a Google form and we will offer a meeting to discuss this further, if parents would like this.

When all the information has been uploaded, to the website, we will text you a link to it.

### Booking Lunch Via SchoolMoney App

A big thank you as most parents booked via the app, in advance this week. Please do continue to book by Friday for the following week as this really helps us to run smoothly in the mornings and means learning time can be optimised. Don't forget to 'check-out' even if your child is on Universal Free School Meals (Class 1 & 2) or is eligible for Pupil Premium.

### After School Clubs

There are still places available. Please find information here on our website: <https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/halwill-primary-school/about-us/before-after-school-clubs/>

If your child does start a club, we ask that they commit to the full half-term because it makes organising the club and knowing which children are supposed to be on-site very challenging if children drop-out part way through. We do need to pay our providers and as this is already heavily subsidised by the school, we will still charge if your child does not attend the sessions. Thank you for your support with this.

### Wild Tribe

This half term, Class 4 have Wild Tribe and will require 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.

### Behind-the-Scenes Site Work

A huge thank you to Andy Moakes, Health and Safety Lead, who oversaw work to the site during the summer and ensuring the building was fully ready for classes to return to their own rooms in September, including polishing of the hall floor, which was very scratched after Class 4 had occupied it, a deep clean and returning all items to classrooms which had been taken out while social distancing was in place.

The Wild for Learning Area has been cleared so Wild Tribe lessons can safely take place in there. The outdoor play equipment, which has been out of action, is being fully repaired on the 24th of September so should be in use from the following week. Over the coming half-term, the trees and hedges will be cut back and lowered so that there is more open space.

Mrs Ruh Alford  
Executive Headteacher

The Carey Qualities

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



Each Thursday 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 <b>Relationships</b>	For being <b>Resilient</b>	For being <b>Resourceful</b>	For being <b>Reflective</b>	For being <b>Respectful</b>
Class 2—Callie Class 3—Autumn Class 3—Sidney Class 4—Liam Class 4—William WB Class 4—Charlie H Class 4—Alfie Class 1—Leo	Class 1—Reggie Class 2—Megan		Class 3—Will	Class 2—Harry

***Dates for your diary:***

September

22nd *Class 4 trip to Burton Gallery*

October

5th *Harvest Assembly 9.15am*

25th to 29th *Half term*

November

1st *Non-pupil day*

2nd *Non-pupil day*

December

16th *Christmas Church Service 9.30am*

17th *End of term*

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



**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.