



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

Dear Parents,

Another busy week is rushing by! Don't forget there is a **Bank Holiday on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May** so children will return to school on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May**. Let's hope for some sunny weather; we really do need it!

### Scholastic Book Fair



The Book Fair last week was very successful and it was great to see so many families coming along to support this. I hope the children enjoyed the books they bought. As a result of your purchases the school has received £168.97 in credit towards new books for the library.



Year 5 aimed high and were resilient in developing their cycle skills and road safety. Well done to all of them.

#### Year 6 Transition to Secondary School

Please see the following key dates:

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** - Holsworthy College staff meeting children at Halwill – parents to come at 3:00 pm

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June** – Holsworthy College Transition Days

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June** – Okehampton College Transition Day

#### Price Increases for September 2024

As a Federation we always try to keep the cost to parents as low as possible as we know times are hard. However, our catering costs have increased and therefore Governors have decided to increase the price of School Lunches from £2.30 to **£2.55** from September 2024.

Our Morning Club is popular but in order to ensure it is viable, Governors have decided to increase the price from £3.00 to **£3.25** from September 2024. This is still very competitive compared to other schools.

I hope you will understand why Governors have needed to make this decision. If the school subsidises lunches and the Morning Club, this is money we cannot spend on the children's resources, teaching assistants etc.

School lunches and the Morning Health Club are free to pupils eligible for Pupil Premium. Please see details of how to apply later in the newsletter.

## Medical Needs

If your child has a new medical condition that you haven't already told us about, please complete the form here:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeWw5prG6\\_5GQHSxw3qmH\\_bVHxV8dLvrmsZyHsxnLzLSW2b9w/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeWw5prG6_5GQHSxw3qmH_bVHxV8dLvrmsZyHsxnLzLSW2b9w/viewform?usp=sf_link)

## Class Page on the Website

Teachers have now updated the Class Page.

## Outlines of Support

**SEND**



Sometimes children need a little extra support or intervention. Teachers will be noting any additional support or intervention for those children that need it, on an 'Outline of Support' and will send these home in the next couple of weeks. Please note the 'Outline of Support' is not aimed at children with Special Educational Needs, as these children will have a 'My Plan'. Teachers will invite parents in to look at these together in the next couple of weeks.

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

## Statutory Assessments

There are some assessments which are statutory so all schools are obliged to administer these. The tests are all set externally by the DfE and results form part of your child's record. If your child is in one of the year groups below they will be taking a statutory assessment this term. Results will be shared with you in their end of year report.

### **Year 6**



As you know, Year 6 will sit the Key Stage 2 SATs this year. Here is a link to the Power Point shared at the recent meeting. It includes the SATs timetable, which some parents have asked about:

<https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/SATs-meeting.pptx>

### **Year 4**

Year 4 children will undertake an on-line Multiplication Check. This is carried out one-to-one with a teacher overseeing. This will take place between Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June. To support children, please encourage them to learn their times tables and use Times Tables Rockstars frequently.



### **Year 1**

**Phonics**  
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Year 1 will undertake a Phonic Screening Check in the week of 10<sup>th</sup> June.. This is a one-to-one assessment with a teacher and tests their ability to read single words using their decoding and blending skills which they are taught during Read, Write Inc sessions. There will also be some nonsense words included. To support your child, keep hearing them read the 'Read, Write Inc' books and encourage them to sound out (or 'Fred Talk') rather than guessing the words.

## Year 2 Non-Statutory Assessment

You may have heard that from this year, Year 2 SATs are no longer statutory and schools can take the decision whether to do the tests or not.

After much thought, we have taken the decision to do the tests but they will be taken much later than usual. This will allow teachers to spend time teaching the full content of the year, before the children take the test. As we will receive the test materials anyway and termly assessments are already part of the children's routine, it seems sensible to use the tests. The results will form part of your child's school assessment record, just as their end of Year 3, 4 etc. assessments will. It is likely that DCC will request the results of schools choosing to do the tests. Having discussed with other maintained school headteachers, the consensus is that schools will still do the tests.

Due to the age of the children, we try to make the tests feel like an end of term assessment that they are already used to and the children usually enjoy the challenge and rise to it. There will be four tests the children will sit: Arithmetic, Maths Reasoning and two Reading papers. Once we have confirmed when we are doing the tests, we will let you know. To support your child, please keep the 5 reads a week going and talk about the text with them to help their understanding. Please keep working on 'Reading Buddies' because this really does help with comprehension and understanding. Please continue to encourage your child to use 'Mathletics'. Results will be shared in the end of year report.

### Class 4 Victorian Day



On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June, Class 4 will have a Victorian Day. Miss Miners will shortly share information with you via Class Dojo.

### Protocol for Calling Parents After an Accident or Injury at School - March 2024



We have reviewed our protocol as we were finding staff were making around 10 – 15 phone calls a day and parents were then unsure if a call from school was urgent or not.

In an emergency medical situation, parents will be called as soon as possible and an ambulance will be called.

All head injuries will be followed by a call home and a bump note.

We will not call home for every bump, graze or scrape as this is not practical and could potentially water down any real emergency phone calls in terms of parents responding to calls.

Anything significant where we are concerned it might progress to something that later requires professional medical treatment e.g. possible breakage, will be called home. However, we are not medical professionals and cannot always know how an injury will progress. Our judgement will be based on our best judgement at the time.

Please be assured that all injuries, we are made aware of, are treated, logged in the Accident Book and the class teacher is informed so the child can be monitored through the day.

### 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 3—Emily Class 2—Charlie	Class 4—Phoebe	Class 3—Niamh Class 2—Archie Class 4—Billy Class 4—Drake	Class 1—Brody Class 1—Finley Class 4—Will

# Congratulations!

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE  
WHO ATTENDED OUR  
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR.**

Together we have raised **£168.97**  
for our school to spend on **FREE BOOKS**

**SCHOLASTIC**



# Safeguarding at Halwill

## The Safeguarding Team

### Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs R Alford

### Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs A Rothery

Miss J Miners

Mrs R Cawsey—SENDCo

### Attendance Officer:

Miss S Revers

### Safeguarding Governor:

Mrs A Clark

## Safeguarding

Remember if you have any issues regarding Safeguarding that you wish to raise, please email [safeguarding@halwill.devon.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@halwill.devon.sch.uk)

These will come directly to a safeguarding lead.

## Keeping your child safe online.

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## Primary school research (autumn 2022)



- 23% of children say that they are **never asked what they do when they are online**.
- A **further 24%** say that they are rarely asked.
- 8% say that they **do not have a safe search filter** on their internet.
- 85% **do not know** if they have a safe search filter.
- 16% of children admit **to trying to look up something on the internet that they know they shouldn't**.
- 39% of these children said that they **found what they searched** for on the internet.
- 36% of children say they have **watched a live stream** on the internet.
- 43% of the children say that they **have their own mobile** phone.

## What do we mean by harmful content?



- › Extremist views including terrorism
- › Self-harm and suicide ideation apps and websites
- › On-line bullying
- › Discrimination including racist, homophobic and misogynistic behaviours (INCEL)
- › Acts of violence including sexual violence
- › Pornography
- › Age-inappropriate games
- › Gambling

**Where and when do children come into contact with this?**

## Next steps:

- Get in the game – update your knowledge of what your child is doing
- Show an interest, ask questions from a point of interest, not fear
- Add the safety measures – put on the seatbelts
- **Talk, talk and talk some more – start a conversation!**



## Dates for your diary:

### May

6th	Bank holiday
9th	Swimming years 3 & 4
22nd	Holsworthy staff meeting pupils and staff—parents 3pm
23rd	Swimming years 5 & 6
27th to 31st	Half term

### June

3rd	Non-pupil day
6th	Swimming years 5 & 6
13th	Swimming years 5 & 6
20th	Swimming years 5 & 6
24th	Yr 5 & 6 Cricket Festival at HCC
25th & 26th	Holsworthy college transition days—Y6
27th	Okehampton College transition day—Y6
27th	Swimming years R, 1 & 2



### July

4th	Swimming years R, 1 & 2
8th	Beach Festival Y3 and 4 at Bude
11th	Swimming years R, 1 & 2
18th	Swimming years R, 1 & 2
23rd	End of term

Term dates: <https://www.thecarey federation.co.uk/halwill-primary-school/parents/term-dates/>



### Swimming

If you have not completed the online swimming permission form, please do so asap. Thank you.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeDyF5MgRRsWcMfOie0W\\_qj4dtgl8SxK-YH0jfeScdYqil83Q/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeDyF5MgRRsWcMfOie0W_qj4dtgl8SxK-YH0jfeScdYqil83Q/viewform?usp=sf_link)



# Friends of Halwill Primary School

“The Friends of Halwill school” are parents who work together to help enrich the experiences of school, for example supplying craft and snacks at the Christmas Party! We are always looking for help and support, whether it’s offering ideas, help at events etc we would love to have you on board.

Other ways to support Friends is to sign up to easy fundraising, your shopping online can mean a donation to the school.

Or buying name labels from My Nametags, by using the school ID 28989 the school can get a donation from the sale and school uniform is more likely to get reunited with its owner!

We also have Facebook pages for Friends “Friends of Halwill Primary School” and “Halwill Primary School’s 2nd hand uniform” where for a small donation you can find some good quality used uniform.

Thank you  
Friends of Halwill Primary School

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/assets/blt2159bb3d91e9d580/easyfundraising-poster-a4.pdf>

<https://www.mynametags.com/>



## Turn your online shopping into everyday magic for

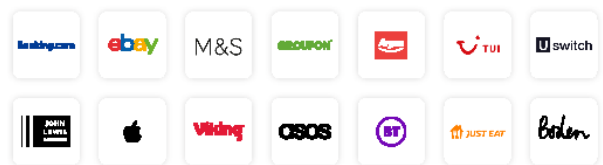
### Friends of Halwill Primary School

## with easyfundraising

You shop, brands donate to us.  
It won't cost you any extra!

How to sign up

- 1 Visit the link below or scan the QR code [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause)
- 2 Search for us
- 3 Your favourite brands donate whenever you spend with them



Download the easyfundraising App



Excellent 3,945 reviews on Trustpilot

## Please remember to order your school lunches via Schoolmoney by Friday of each week.

## This helps us cater correctly. Thank you.



# STOP

THANKS FOR REMEMBERING

## THIS IS A

## PEANUT/NUT FREE SCHOOL



## Holiday Requests

Please see the following message which we have been asked to share with you by Devon County Council:

*We believe that in order for a pupil to fully benefit from their education, good attendance is crucial.*

*As of September 2013, an amendment to the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006 came in to force and greater clarity was introduced to the issue of schools authorising absence requests. These changes reinforced the Government's view that every minute of every school day is vital and that pupils should only be granted authorised absences by the school in 'exceptional circumstances'.*

*A family holiday is not normally considered by the Government to be an 'exceptional circumstance' and therefore will not be authorised by the school.*

*Should you choose to take your child out of school without the authorisation of the school, then Parental Responsibility Measures could be instigated. This could mean receiving any of the following;*

- *A Penalty Notice*
- *A summons to the Magistrate Court which could result in a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a term of imprisonment for up to 3 months.*

*Schools are required to notify the Local Authority if a pupil has a number of unauthorised absences. Unauthorised absences can be acquired when;*

- 1) *Leave has been requested, but the circumstances are such that the school is unable to authorise the leave and it is taken anyway.*
- 2) *Leave is not requested and/or the school has grounds to believe that the child has been taken out of school for an avoidable reason (example – a family holiday). Only the Head teacher can authorise an absence. This year there have been occasions when schools have been notified that the pupil is sick, but the school later discovers and reasonably believes that the reason given for the absence is not genuine.*
- 3) *A child continually arrives late after the registration period has closed.*

*Schools need to notify the Local Authority in all of the circumstances listed above.*

*Should a Penalty Notice be issued as a result of unauthorised absence then one notice will be issued to each parent/carer for each child involved. Currently, each Penalty Notice is for £120, which is reduced to £60 if paid within the first 21 days. If a Penalty Notice goes unpaid after 28 days, then court proceedings will be initiated.*

*We understand the disappointment that the refusal of a leave request may cause, but as you can appreciate this policy represents the school's responsibility and commitment towards providing your child's education and supporting their future life opportunities.*

## COULD YOUR CHILD BE ENTITLED TO A SUBSIDY TOWARDS THE COST OF RESIDENTIAL OR DAY TRIPS, SPORTING EVENTS, SCHOOL UNIFORM, EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, BREAKFAST CLUB, AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS AS WELL AS FREE SCHOOL MEALS IN KS2?

If you are in receipt of any of the following, your child could be entitled to a subsidy towards the cost of the above:

- 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 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).

Please apply even if your child is in Foundation, Year 1 or Year 2 and receives a meal under the Universal Infant Free School Meals Scheme. As well as financially benefiting as described above, your child may receive additional learning support where appropriate because of the additional funding that school receives from Government for known free school meals pupils.

### How to apply

Through the Citizen Portal ([https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal\\_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCCSCitizenPortal\\_live](https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCCSCitizenPortal_live)) which is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in you getting an instant decision.

Parents and carers can also ring the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.



Don't let your child catch it  
– get them vaccinated with the MMR vaccine

**Measles symptoms include:** high fever; sore, red, watery eyes; coughing; aching and feeling generally unwell; a blotchy red brown rash, which usually appears after the initial symptoms.

The number of young people catching measles has risen. It's never too late to be vaccinated. You need two doses of MMR one month apart to be fully protected against measles, mumps and rubella.

It's time to make measles a disease of the past.

If you have symptoms of measles, stay at home and phone your GP or NHS 111 for advice. **STAY AWAY** from GP surgeries and A&E departments – you could spread the illness to others.

 **mmunisation**

the safest way to protect your child

For more information contact your local GP surgery or visit: [www.nhs.uk/mmr](http://www.nhs.uk/mmr)



**DYNAMOS  
CRICKET**

# Girls only sessions available

[dynamoscricquet.co.uk](http://dynamoscricquet.co.uk)

**Join us at:**

**Holsworthy Cricket Club**

**Session dates:**

**FREE 'Come and Try' Session on Saturday 18th May for Girls aged 7 - 11**

**Session timings:**

**0930 - 1100**

**Contact:**

**[martin.brice@devoncricket.co.uk](mailto:martin.brice@devoncricket.co.uk) to BOOK YOUR FREE PLACE**



<b>Date and time</b>	Sat 6 July 2024   11:00 am - 5:00 pm
<b>Price</b>	FREE
<b>Venue</b>	Bridwell Park, Uffculme
<b>Booking link</b>	<a href="http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/devonandtorbay-mixfestival2024">www.ticketsource.co.uk/devonandtorbay-mixfestival2024</a>

We are SO excited that The Mix, our music festival for children and young people, is returning in 2024!

Taking place over two days at [Bridwell Park](#), Saturday 6 July open to families and the general public.

On Saturday, we will be showcasing some of Devon's finest young musicians as we feature live music performances from many of our County Groups and Hub supported music-making activities.

We will also have interactive music workshops for children and young people taking place throughout the day, including...

- Street Band with The Little Big Horns
- Vocal workshops with Devon Youth Choir
- Taiko with Taiko South West
- Instrumental workshops with Devon Youth Orchestras
- Djembe with Drum Devon
- Folk music with Wren Music and Devon Youth Folk Ensemble
- DJing and music production with Sound Communities
- Music and storytelling with Sonopera

FREE parking will be available on site. A variety of refreshments will be available on site, however, please feel free to bring along a summer picnic of your own!

**Saturday 6 July 2024**

- A Family friendly day of inspirational live music and activities for children, young people & families
- Performances by young musicians from across Devon and Torbay
- Enjoy interactive music workshops and try a range of musical instruments

**THE MIX**

Devon and Torbay Music Education Hubs

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# JESS'S DANCE ACADEMY



## HATHERLEIGH

Community Centre  
EX20 3HB ★ Free parking ★  
Suitable for boys & girls

## MONDAYS

3:15-3:45pm TINY TOES BALLET (ages 3-5)  
3:45-4:15pm BALLET for Schl Yrs Receptn, 1, 2  
4:15-4:45pm STREET Dance Yrs Receptn, 1 & 2  
4:45-5:15pm STREET DANCE for School Yr 3-8  
Children's Classes: to be paid in a 5 week  
half-termly block of £20 (£4 per class)  
  
5:30-6:15pm ADULT DANCE FIT £6 or 4 for £20

## BRADWORTHY

Memorial Hall  
EX22 7SZ ★ Free parking ★  
Suitable for boys & girls

## WEDNESDAYS

3:40-4:10pm BALLET for Schl Yrs R 1 & 2  
4:10-4:40pm STREET Dance Schl Yrs R, 1 & 2  
4:40-5:10pm BALLET for Schl Yrs 3, 4, 5, 6  
5:10-5:40pm STREET Dance Schl Yrs 3 4 5 6  
£4 per class, paid in a half or termly block.  
  
★ Tuesdays: 6-7pm Bradworthy Hall  
Adult Dance Fit, £6 weekly or 4 for £20

→ Interested in booking a workshop? Contact me to register your interest and see what other workshops I offer ←

About *Jessica Squire Dance*: Fully insured, enhanced DBS checked, safeguarding and first aid certified. Jess has over 10 years experience teaching dance: in schools, dance schools, toddler classes, hen parties, wedding dances. She trained in RAD Ballet & ISTD Modern Dance, has a Degree in Dance & English and was a professional dancer at *Disneyland Paris & Haven Holidays*.

**ADVANCED BOOKING ESSENTIAL - BOOK NOW: limited spaces!**

A letter with payment details & more info will be sent to those who sign up. For more info & to

**BOOK CONTACT** Jess on: 07746892660 email: [jessicasquire.perform@gmail.com](mailto:jessicasquire.perform@gmail.com)

Why not visit: [www.jessicasquire.co.uk](http://www.jessicasquire.co.uk) or check out Facebook page: Jessica Squire Dance