







Halwill Primary School Newsletter No.25 Summer Term. 23rd May 2024 01409 221476 admin@halwill.devon.sch.uk

Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Dear Parents,

As we rapidly approach half term, I wanted to remind you that we have a non-pupil day on Monday 3rd June so the first day back for the children will be **Tuesday 4th June.** I hope the good weather continues and all the children and families have a restful and fun holiday.

Careers Week

Wow! What a week it has been! We have had a great variety of talks but all fascinating and inspiring in different ways. They certainly met our intention of widening the children's worlds and giving them possible ideas for the future. All the talks emphasised the importance of aiming high and being resilient.

The week started on a high with Ross James, uncle of Harry and Charlie at Ashwater School. Ross joined the Federation via Teams and inspired us with his career as Deputy Chief Technology Officer. Ross told the children about his work with Jaguar Land Rover, crash testing vehicles and now with Streetdrone, where they develop autonomous (self-driving) cars and vehicles. He explained that one practical use is in ports where large containers





can be easily

moved by autonomous trucks. He shared videos which brought it all to life for the children.

On Tuesday, Rachael O'Donnell, mum to Gemma and Claire at Ashwater and Federation Finance Governor, visited both schools to talk to the children about her

role as Global

Statutory and Accounting Services Controller at Unisys. Rachael explained that her love of maths had inspired her to become an accountant and her love of geography had meant she wanted a job that enabled her to travel. Rachael manages a team of 60 people in India. The children were exited to see pictures of her team and

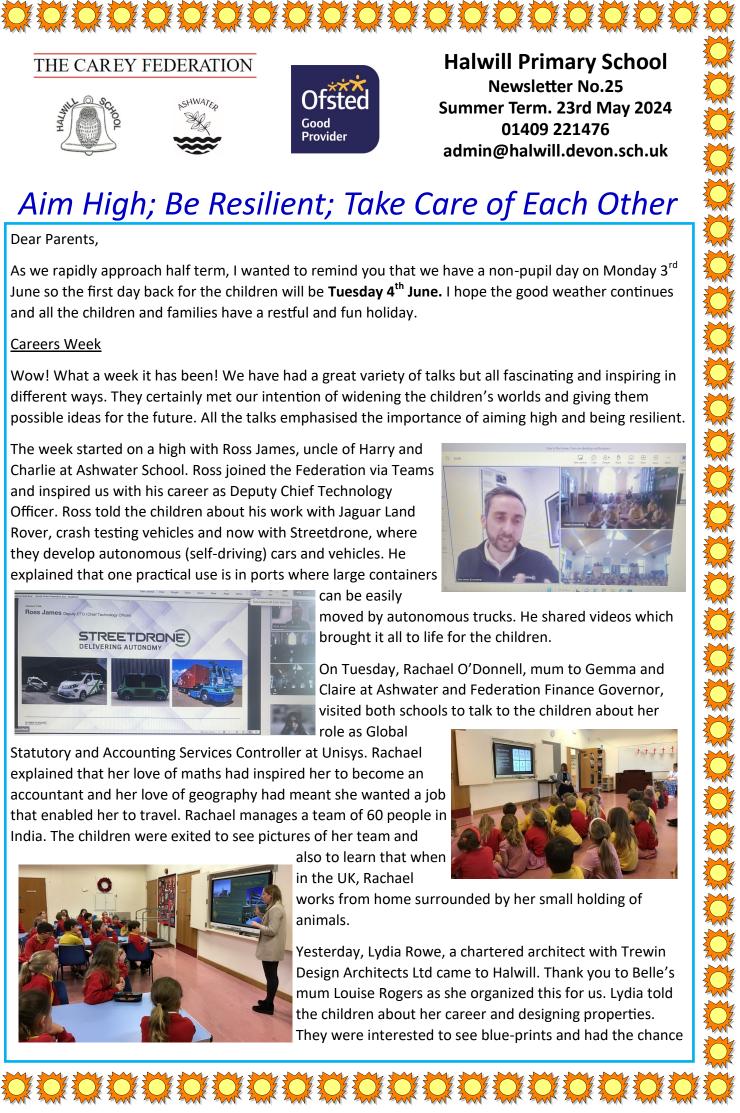
also to learn that when in the UK, Rachael





works from home surrounded by her small holding of animals.

Yesterday, Lydia Rowe, a chartered architect with Trewin Design Architects Ltd came to Halwill. Thank you to Belle's mum Louise Rogers as she organized this for us. Lydia told the children about her career and designing properties. They were interested to see blue-prints and had the chance





to design their own houses. Thank you to Trewin Design Architects Ltd as they provided the children with a gift of a pencil with seeds in it and a seed pod.

Today, the Head Chef, Restaurant Director and Sommelier from the one Michelin star restaurant, Paul Ainsworth at No. 6, joined the Federation via Teams, from the kitchen. The passion of the team was evident

and they told us about their roles, how they got there and we had a tour of the kitchen and restaurant too!

Thank you to everyone who has spoken to the children so far. We really appreciate people giving up their time. We have more talks tomorrow and we will tell you about these after half term.



Trips and Visits

We have an exciting programme of trips and visits planned for the children.

Years 5 & 6 will have Activities Week from Monday 1st July to Friday 5th July. This includes a trip to Bristol, a surfing day and an overnight camp. Parents have already received information about this via letter.

There is a STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Maths) day at Holsworthy College for **Year 5** on 24th June. Letters have been sent home about this.

Years 3 & 4 will have a Geo Walk trip on 24th June. Letters are being sent home about this.

Years R, 1 & 2 are visiting the Eden Project on 15th July and letters are being sent home about this.

All **Year R – 6** children will enjoy a spectacular science show when Wonderstruck visit Halwill School on 5^{th} July. Letters will be sent home about this soon.

Please see the back of the newsletter for all the dates, including the summer events.



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	For being	For being	For being	For being
Relationships	Resilient	Resourceful	Reflective	Respectful
Class 4—Jack S	Class 4—Hadley	Class 1– Louis	Class 4—Jack H	Class 2—Chloe
		Class 3—Finley	Class 2—Elsie	
		Class 3—Mathilde		



Every Piece Matters

Year 6 Transition to Secondary School

We had a visit from Mr. Phil Ruse, Vice Principal this week to talk to the children going up to Holsworthy College in September. Parents also had the opportunity to come in. I hope you found the session useful. It seems to have helped the children have a better understanding of what to expect.



Starting Secondary School

Please see the dates list for other transition dates.

Year 2 Non-Statutory Assessment

A few weeks ago, I told you that Year 2 SATs are no longer statutory and schools can take the decision whether to do the tests or not.

I explained that 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. These tests will take place during the weeks of **17**th **June and 24**th **June.**

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. 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 because this really does help with comprehension and understanding. Please continue to encourage your child to use 'Mathseeds'. Results will be shared in the end of year report.

Dates for statutory assessments are in the back of the newsletter.

<u>Wild Tribe</u>



Class 1 & 2 will have Wildtribe next half term, on Tuesday afternoons commencing 4th June.

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. Long hair must be tied up.

<u>Clubs</u>

Please see clubs information here: <u>https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/halwill-primary-school/about-us/</u> <u>before-after-school-clubs/</u>

Tuesday	Club: Cheerleading Teacher: Jessica Squire Max number: 20	Whole school	4 th June to 2 nd July NO club on 18th June 3.30-4.30pm £8 (4 weeks)
Tuesday	Club: Racket & Bat Sports Teacher: Scott Hayler Max number: 20	Class 3 & 4	4 th June to 16 th July NO club on 18th June NO club on 9th July 3.30-4.30pm £10 (5 weeks)

Safeguarding at Halwill

The Safeguarding Team

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs R Alford Attendance Officer: Miss S Revers Safeguarding Governor: Mrs A Clark

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs A Rothery Miss J Miners Mrs R Cawsey—SENDCo

<u>Safeguarding</u>

Remember if you have any issues regarding Safeguarding that you wish to raise, please email <u>safeguarding@halwill.devon.sch.uk</u>

These will come directly to a safeguarding lead.

How to stay safe in the sun

Click here for child friendly information: <u>https://www.bbc.co.uk/</u> <u>newsround/48609398</u>



		Dates for your diary:	
<u>May</u>			
w/c 20th	Careers Week		
27th to 31st	Half term		
June		MAY HAL	F TERM
3rd	Non-pupil day		
4th-14th	Year 4 Multiplication	checks	
6th	Swimming years 5 & 0		
7th	Okehampton College		.
w/c 10th	Year 1 Phonic Screeni		jenne v
13th	Swimming years 5 & 0	-	Dates for your diary
18th	Sports Day. Parents w		
20th	Swimming years 5 & 0	6	the my we was
21st	Victorian Day Class 4		
24th	Year 5 STEM day at H	olsworthy College	
24th	Class 3 Geology Day i	n Bude	
25th & 26th	Holsworthy College tr	ansition days—Y6	
27th	Okehampton College	transition day—Y6	
27th	Swimming years R, 1	& 2	
<u>July</u>			
1st –5th	Class 4 Activities Wee	k	
2nd	Yr 5 & 6 Football tour	nament	
4th	Swimming years R, 1	& 2	
8th	Beach Festival Y3 and	l 4 at Bude	
9th	Open Evening and Su	mmer Concert. 3.30-5.00pm	
11th	Swimming years R, 1	& 2	
15th	Class 1 & 2 Eden Proje	ect Trip	TCDM
16th	Reserve Sports Day		SCHOOL IEKIII
18th	Swimming years R, 1	& 2	TALA DATES
22nd	Year 6 Leavers' Assen	nbly 5.00pm	
23rd	End of term		

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

<u>Swimming</u>

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



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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/

Please remember to order your school lunches via Schoolmoney by Friday of



each week. This helps us cater correctly. Thank you.





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.

<u>How to apply</u>

Through the Citizen Portal (<u>https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/</u> <u>Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCCSCitizenPortal_live</u>) 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.



HALWILL BAPTIST CHURCH FROM 3PM **GAMES & CHALLENGES** Burgers & Hot Dogs (6-8pm)





Children must be accompanied Food available to buy Limited parking : please park in the village if you can



Design a School Lunch Competition

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We are inviting children to get creative and design a school lunch!

Not only does it need to be fun, tasty and nutritious, we are asking our young customers to think about making it as **eco-friendly as possible**.

The winning dish will be served at your school (plus any other schools wishing to participate) during **Wednesday 5th June!** You will also win a bundle of eco gifts and win your classmates some eco goodies too!







Step 1:

Think about your favourite foods. What do you enjoy eating, what dish would you like to have in school with your friends.



Step 2:

Think about food groups to make sure your lunch is nutritionally balanced:

- Beans, pulses, eggs, fish, meat, and other proteins
- Salad and vegetables
- Potatoes, bread, wraps, rice, pasta, and other starchy carbohydrates
- Dairy and alternatives

Step 3:

Think about how we can make your lunch as eco-friendly as possible:

 What's in season? Springtime means we have lots of broccoll, carrots, cucumber, lettuce, spinach, and spring onion in season in the UK.

- What's local? Using local suppliers is better for the environment as local produce uses less food miles. We buy lots of ingredients for your school lunches from local suppliers and we are lucky Norfolk is a farming community so lots of fresh vegetables such as potatoes and carrots are available.
- Reduce meat? Research shows that reducing meat is one of the biggest ways to reduce the environmental impact on the planet. Could your dish be vegetarian, or could you add other ingredients to reduce the quantity of meat used?

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Step 4:

Now imagine if your dish was served using an edible bowl or plate! Does this change your dish? We are partnering with Mr Stroodles Eco Tableware for this competition and, if you win, we will serve lunch at your school on edible plates and bowls! No washing up...means we are also saving water!

Judges will be looking for creative menu ideas and the inventive ways you draw your menu ideas. The competition closing date is Friday 24th May. Please email entries to Catering@swnorse.co.uk

Please note, details provided such as name, school and age will solely be used for the purpose of this competition and will be stored according to GDPR regulations.

Design a School Lunch Competition

Draw, paint or glue your ideas in the plate below and include key words to describe your dish.

Name_

Age _____ School _____

Name of your dish ...

1: Is this dish what you love to eat?
2: Does this dish contain all the main food groups?
3: Have you thought about making this dish as eco-friendly as possible?





