





# Halwill Primary School

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

#### Dear Parents,

It was wonderful to have so many parents and carers at the Harvest Assembly last week. I was very impressed with the children's knowledge and understanding of harvest locally as well as around the world. The children spoke and shared with confidence and sang beautifully; certainly something to be proud of after such a long time of doing everything virtually. Well done to all of them. Thank you to parents for sending in food donations and to those who were able to join. It felt like a proper Halwill community again.





Good luck to those selected for the Torrington Cross Country event this Friday. I am sure the children will 'Aim High' and show great resilience as I know the course is very challenging.

#### **COVID Positive Case**

Unfortunately one of our pupils has tested positive for COVID. Please see a letter that was sent yesterday: <a href="https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/Letter-10.10.21-COVID-Positive-Halwill-School.pdf">https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/Letter-10.10.21-COVID-Positive-Halwill-School.pdf</a>

## New Woodwind Instrumental Peripatetic Teacher

I am delighted to tell you that to complement the piano, guitar and ukulele lessons offered by Alex Rogozinsky, Ruth Hayes will be offering violin, saxophone and woodwind instrumental lessons to those who would like to take up this offer. These will be at a cost to parents and will be paid directly to Ruth.

Ruth comes highly recommend and having interviewed her, I found her to be very impressive. She has lived in London for the last 11 years, where after studying at the Royal College of Music she subsequently worked primarily as a woodwind tutor privately and for a school music service, providing individual, small group, large group and ensemble sessions.

Ruth will be leading an assembly this Thursday so she will have the opportunity to meet the children and show them some of her instruments. In next week's newsletter there will be details of how to arrange lessons; these will commence after half-term.

#### <u>Vacancy</u>

We have a vacancy for a Meal Time Assistant. Please see our website for details: <a href="https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/halwill-primary-school/about-us/job-vacancies/">https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/halwill-primary-school/about-us/job-vacancies/</a>

# Parent Consultation Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 1:45 – 6:00 pm

These will be virtual because the nature of a live parent meeting requires very close contact with teachers and a variety of different parents. You will be able to book this nearer the time.

### **Christmas Dates**

Christmas Light Switch-on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 4:30 pm

Christmas Show Matinee Y3, 4, 5 & 6 Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 1:45 pm

Christmas Show Evening Y3, 4, 5 & 6 Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 6:00 pm

Christmas Show Matinee YR,1&2 Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 1:45 pm

Christmas Show Evening YR,1&2 Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 5:00 pm

Christmas lunch for the children will be Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Church Service will be on Thursday December 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am at the Baptist Church.

We hope parents will be able to attend the Christmas show and church service but provided the COVID situation allows. This year we will have two separate shows for YR-2 and Y3-6 because we want to reduce the number of adults on site, for this reason, please also only attend either a matinee or an evening show and we may ticket the event, nearer the time. We appreciate that you may need to attend both YR-2 and Y3-6, if you have children in both key stages but hopefully we have given enough notice for you to make arrangements for this.

Mrs Ruh Alford Executive Headteacher

## Year 6 parents

Don't forget that you only have until 31st October to apply for your secondary school place. Please apply online if you have not done so, <a href="https://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline">www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline</a>



# Have you moved house? Changed your mobile number?

# No longer have a landline?

Please ensure you keep us informed of all changes to your contact details. This can easily be done by using the SIMS parent app.

## **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.

#### **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.



Every Piece Matter

For building	For being	For being	For being	For being
Relationships	Resilient	Resourceful	Reflective	Respectful
Class 1—Douglas	Class 1—Charlie	Class 2—Lily	Class 2—Ellie	Class 4—Jamie
Class 2—Bella	Class 3—Jessica	Class 4—Izzy	Class 3—Dexter	
Class 3—Jemima			Class 3 - Noah	
			Class 4—Lily	
			Class 4 – Maisie	

#### Dates for your diary:

October

15th Torrington Cross Country

25th to 29th Half term

November

1st Non-pupil day 2nd Non-pupil day

8th Tempest school photos (am)

8th KS1 multi skills festival HCC (pm)
9th Parent consultations 1.45-6.00pm.

22nd Flu immunisations

<u>December</u>

2nd Christmas Lights switch on 4.30pm
8th Yr 3, 4, 5, 6 matinee xmas show 1.45pm
9th Yr 3, 4, 5, 6 evening xmas show 6.00pm
13th Yr R, 1, 2 matinee xmas show 1.45pm
14th Yr R, 1, 2 evening xmas show 5.00pm

15th Christmas Lunch

16th Christmas Church Service 9.30am

Baptist Church

17th End of term

January 2022

4th Non-pupil day 5th Term starts Please remember to order your School lunches via schoolmoney by Friday of each week.
This helps us cater correctly.
Thank you

