



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

Dear Parents

Friday was Children in Need day, it was great to see so many children in non-uniform. Thank you to all of the children who donated money towards Children in Need, we raised £88.30. Many children also wore odd socks as it was Anti-Bullying Week. In assembly we talked about Children in Need and why we raise money, we also talked about the importance of taking care of others and being respectful so that we are always kind, particularly if people have differences. We also talked about the importance of telling a school adult if anyone experiences bullying or unkindness.

As part of the Class 1 topic of 'People who care for us', we have arranged a number of visitors to talk to the children. Last week, Andy Moakes, told the children about police officers and on Friday, Wendy Finch, a nurse visited. Today, Alex Just from Oakford Vets, spoke to the children about how she cares for animals. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the talks and have learnt so much. As Class 2 were unable to have these visits last year, they have also been included in the talks. Further visits are also planned, including from a dentist.

### COVID

You will have seen my letter regarding Mrs Beer, who has unfortunately tested positive for COVID. As she is part time, she has not been in school since last Tuesday so it is unlikely that she has been in contact with school children or staff since she tested positive at the weekend. Carole Gleed is covering Class 1 with Miss Steward this Monday and Tuesday.

Claire Baker, the cook has now finished her isolation and has returned to work.

So far, we have had limited cases in the Federation, however, local schools are seeing very high increases in cases. If a member of your household has COVID, please can your child do a PCR test and keep them at home until you have the results. Then please do daily LFD tests until your household is clear. Thank you for your support with this.

Staff are continuing to test regularly and wear face coverings.

### Christmas Show Bookings and COVID update

As the situation stands, we are going ahead with the Christmas shows as planned and limiting places to 2 per family. Please request your tickets by clicking here.

KS1 [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdjeJQSZJ95RTbOWEX1EHx5aZhRz3LEQMtzd1qTTsZH458MRQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdjeJQSZJ95RTbOWEX1EHx5aZhRz3LEQMtzd1qTTsZH458MRQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

KS2 [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf-mb6a-iVjnaK3Ty-EMBDCTis1JYJr8FXz4pEl\\_nSyB3i-Vw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf-mb6a-iVjnaK3Ty-EMBDCTis1JYJr8FXz4pEl_nSyB3i-Vw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

I feel saddened that we can't have more family members attending; I remember how special it was to have grandparents attending my son's primary school shows and I certainly feel the difference with my daughter who, like your children, has had the last two years of primary school through COVID. However, we must be sensible and cautious, given the local rates are high.

With this in mind, I think it is unlikely that we will be able to have parents attending the church service, given the space available within the church. We are also awaiting on guidance from the church as to whether singing will be allowed. We anticipate that we will still take the children as it is an important part of Christmas.

Thursday 2nd December is the Christmas Tree Light Switch-On at 4.30pm. You are welcome to come and watch this as it is outdoors, but please keep your distance from each other and kindly wear a face covering.

### New Reception 2022 Visits

If your child will be in the September 2022 cohort for Reception, please do contact the office if you would like to visit the school.

The application system to apply for a reception place at primary school in September 2022 opened on 15 November 2021. Apply online at the Citizens Portal. The closing date is 15 January each year. You can apply after this date but applications will be considered late and may be at a disadvantage. If you cannot apply online, please contact the Education helpline on 0345 155 1019 and ask for a paper copy of the form to be sent to you.

### A Message From The Friends of Halwill School:

#### **Dates for your Diary**

Friday 26th November: Mufti Day (non-uniform) £1 or food / drink hamper gift donation

Thursday 2nd December: Christmas Craft Party 3.30 – 4.30 (followed by Christmas Tree Light Switch-On)

Please see the attached letter regarding the Christmas Craft Party along with an ingredients list of the food that will be provided. Please let the office know if your child cannot have any of the foods.

We have registered Friends of Halwill Primary School with #easyfundraising, which means over 4,000 shops and sites will now donate to us for FREE every time you use #easyfundraising to shop with them.

These donations will help SO MUCH, so please sign up to support us – it's completely FREE and doesn't take long.

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendshalwillprim/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more&utm\\_content=gs-f1](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendshalwillprim/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=gs-f1)

#### **Football Club**

Please note that there will be no football club on Thursday 2nd December as we are having the Christmas Craft party then. Instead there will be a session on Thursday 16th December.

Please can children bring in shin pads for football club sessions.

### Parent Governor Vacancies

There are vacancies for two parent governors on the Carey Federation Governing body and we are looking for one parent from Halwill and one from Ashwater. Although governors do not get involved in the day to day running of the school, they are responsible for setting the overall ethos of the Federation, supporting and challenging us to be accountable for the quality of education our children receive and ensuring the school finances are managed with probity.

Parent governors are directly elected by parents. Once elected, they would join the rest of the governor team, who work together as a group. Meetings are usually held once a month. If you would like to put yourself forward, please see the Governor Vacancy information which can be found on our website here: <https://www.thecarey federation.co.uk/meet-the-governors/>

### Reading Meetings for Parents

To help you understand the new Read Write Inc. scheme, how it is used in school and how you can help your child at home please join us for a meeting at school on **Monday 17th January 2022 at 3:30.**

For children in Year 3 and above who are not on the Read Write Inc. scheme, there will be a parent meeting on **Monday 14th February 2022 at 3:30.**

Mrs Ruh Alford

Executive Headteacher.

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

**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.



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>
Whole of class 1 Class 2—Arthur Class 3—Jack S Class 4—Charles	Class 4—Zaine	Class 2—Ryan Class 3—Poppy	Class 3—Jacob Class 4—Charlie C	

### ***Dates for your diary:***

#### November

26th *Mufti day. £1 or food/drink hamper donation for Christmas raffle.*

#### December

2nd *Friends Christmas Craft Party. 3.30-4.30pm*

2nd *Christmas Lights switch on 4.30pm*

2nd *(No football after school club—moved to 16th Dec)*

7th *Last Christmas choir after school club*

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*

16th *Last football after school club.*

17th *End of term*

#### January 2022

4th *Non-pupil day*

5th *Term starts*

17th *Reading meeting for parents of children doing the Read, Write, Inc scheme. 3.30pm.*

#### February

14th *Reading meeting for parents of children in year 3 & above. 3.30pm.*