

Halwill Primary School

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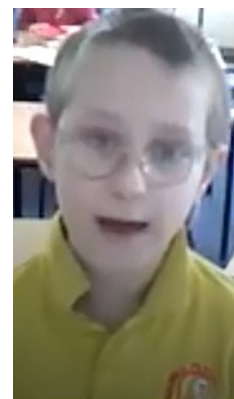
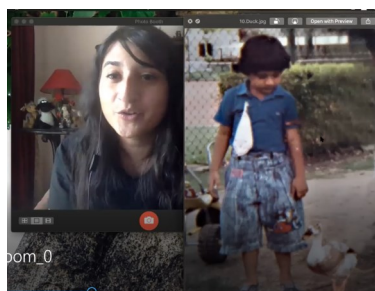
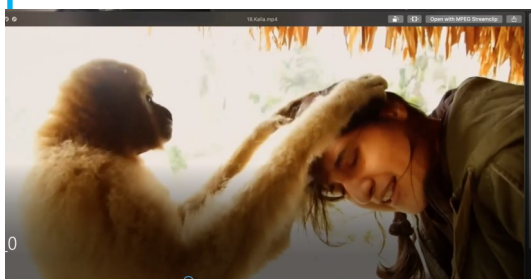
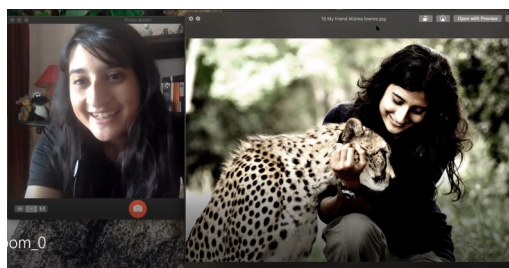
Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Dear Parents,

We have finally reached the end of a term of two parts – Remote Learning for most of the term and then the return to school for all children since the 8th March. It has been fantastic to have the children back and as I write this I can hear their excited voices playing in the field. This is the sound that should be heard in a school – a virtual classroom can't replicate this, as much as we have tried.

A huge well done to children, staff and parents for making it through this strange and challenging term. A reminder that the last day of school is **Thursday 1st April** and the first day of the Summer Term is **Monday 19th April**.

Wildlife Filmmaker, Ash Kapur was a real hit with the children last week as she Zoomed into our Federation assembly, all the way from India. She was so bubbly and passionate in her tales of her first pet: a duck, working with David Attenborough and the importance of conservation. The children were truly inspired; they asked thoughtful questions and many are still talking about the assembly. You can watch Ash in CBBC's Planet Defenders: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/shows/planet-defenders>



Easter

This week classes will be doing a variety of Easter activities in their classes, including revisiting the Easter story. Both Class 4 and Class 1 will have their own Easter Egg hunts and the Easter Bunny may visit Class 1 this week!! On Thursday, we will have a Federation Easter Assembly via Zoom, unfortunately parents won't be able to attend this.

Contact Tracing During The Easter Holiday - a message from the DfE

If a pupil tests positive for COVID-19, having developed symptoms **more than 48 hours since being in school**, **the school should not be contacted**. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a pupil tests positive for COVID-19, **having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school**, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.

The Headteacher will remain on-call to conduct contact tracing for 6 days after the final day of teaching.

For The Carey Federation this will be the period from Friday 2nd April to Wednesday 7th April. School may be contacted during this period using safeguarding@halwill.devon.sch.uk

If your child is expected to return to school after the Easter holiday but is unable to due to self-isolating, please inform the school using admin@halwill.devon.sch.uk

PE and Enrichment After Easter

On PE days children should come to school in PE kit. Please note that PE kit in is navy/red house T-Shirt, dark shorts /leggings / tracksuit bottoms, red school jumper/hoodie and trainers. Please encourage children to stick to this so they continue to look smart on days when they come to school in PE kit.

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. Unfortunately, the Wild Tribe provider's risk assessment will not allow children to take part if they have bare arms or legs. In addition long hair must be tied up.

MONDAY: **Class 3** to come in PE kits

TUESDAY: **Class 4** will be doing Wild Tribe so should ideally bring waterproofs and wellies to wear over their uniform. **Class 1, 2 and 3** to come in PE kits for Dance and PE/Orienteering.

Please note: - **Class 4 will continue with Wild Tribe until Tuesday 11th May inclusive. Class 3 will begin on Tuesday 18th** May until the end of the Summer Term

THURSDAY: **Class 1, 2 & 4** to come in PE kits.

Morning Health Club

A reminder that this runs daily from 8:00am, however, it will be for childcare only and we will not provide breakfast. If you would like to book a place, please do so via SchoolMoney for the slightly reduced price of £2.50. Remember to please book by 3:00pm the previous day, at the latest.

Please note if you are entitled to Pupil Premium, it is free but will need to be booked through the office.

Parent Consultation Tuesday 4th May 2021 1:30 pm – 6:00 pm (via Zoom)

We would usually have our second Parent Consultation in the Spring Term but this year we feel that we need the remainder of this term to assess the children in order to put in any support or challenge they require. Therefore, by the 4th May 2021, teachers will be in a better position to talk to you about your child's progress. These will be 10 minute meetings conducted via Zoom. You can begin booking your slot on Monday 19th April by emailing admin@halwill.devon.sch.uk or calling the school office. Nearer the time, teachers will share the Zoom details with you via Class Dojo. If you have concerns which cannot wait until 4th May, please do arrange to meet your child's teacher sooner. We will also send home an End of Year Report at the end of the Summer Term.

After School Clubs

More information about which clubs are running after the Easter holidays will be available before the end of the week.

I wish you all a happy Easter and a well-earned break.

Mrs Ruh Alford
Executive Headteacher



The Carey Qualities

In the Carey Federation, we are aspirational learners who build

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 Relationships	For being Resilient	For being Resourceful	For being Reflective	For being Respectful
Eva—class 4 Edwin—class 4 Georgina—class 3	Sebastian—class 1 Kelsey—class 4 Jessica—class 2	Luke—class 4 Drake—class 3	Niamh—class 1 Carter—class 3	



Creation Station Packs are back for the Easter Holidays.

Collect from Thursday 1st April outside the Post Office.

On collection, please observe all current recommended government guidelines on handwashing and wash your hands thoroughly before and after collecting a bag.

Each pack is suitable for 2 children.

As well as the crafts, join in with...

Easter Trail

Go to

<https://spark.adobe.com/page/MpovEbQqSSBzh/>
to find the map and trail card.

Over the holidays, find all the cards, explore the Easter story and collect all the words and verses. Use this to create a piece of art to encourage a friend or neighbour.

Easter Garden Competition

For a chance to win 1 of 3 £10 amazon gift vouchers, create an Easter Garden and post your finished creation on Facebook or Instagram and tag @infusion.methodist. Alternatively, email it to info@infusionwestdevon.org.

Age categories

1) 6 and under 2) 7-9s 3) 10s+.

CLOSING DATE SAT 17th APRIL!

The 3 winners will be announced on social media on Mon 19th Apr!

INFUSION

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Haswell Churches Together

Dates for your diary:

April

1st Last day of Spring term
2nd to 16th Easter Holidays
19th Start of Summer term
26th to 30th Bikeability—Year 5
30th Tempest individual and class photos

May

3rd Bank holiday
4th Parent consultations 1.30pm-6.00pm
31st May to 4th June Half term

June

7th Non-pupil day
8th Term starts



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 (details below).

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.

If your child has:
a runny nose, is sneezing or feeling unwell
But they don't have:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough, or
- a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

These are not normally symptoms of coronavirus

Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial 111 or see your GP

If your child has:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough, or
- a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

This could be a sign of coronavirus

Book a test



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