



Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Dear Parents,

A warm welcome back to all our families and a special welcome to our new Reception children. The children have quickly settled in and it has been wonderful to see them come in happily in the mornings; excited for each new day.

Remembering Her Majesty the Queen

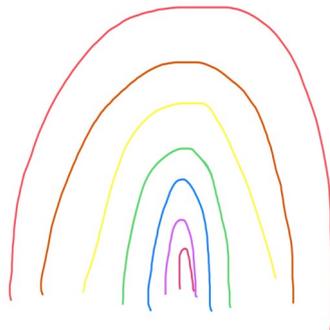
The Queen was such an important and special, constant person in all our lives and we are very aware that children may be feeling sad at her loss; in addition; if they have lost a loved one, feelings may come to the surface. With this in mind, we held a special Federation assembly via Zoom. We remembered The Queen's amazing 'Aim High' and 'Resilient' attitude, all the while 'Taking Care' of us. We thought about our favourite memories from the Jubilee and watched a video of the Royal Family talking about The Queen. We said a prayer and then a special moment came when Carter, Class 4, played the National Anthem on the cornet. I would like to personally thank Carter for being brave, aiming high and being resilient to play in front of both schools; it was a really fitting tribute and the children at both schools sat and listened attentively.

We then looked at the rainbows that appeared over Windsor Castle and Buckingham Palace we could almost imagine The Queen going up the rainbow to meet her beloved Prince Philip. Children have been encouraged to talk to adults if they are feeling upset. A suggested activity to draw a rainbow and write a memory, wish or prayer for The Queen in each colour, might help the children with this or another loss.

We ended by watching the clip of The Queen meeting Paddington Bear, which brought a smile to everyone's faces.



Rainbow over Buckingham Palace following the Queen's death on September 8.



Our Queen is very special. When she sadly passed away there appeared a rainbow
🌈 So draw or write all the things we love about our Queen or special wishes or prayers for her. 🐻

Winsford Hospital Federation Trip for Class 2

As part of learning about hospitals now and in the past, Class 2 will be joining Ashwater children at the Winsford Hospital this afternoon. It's a fitting place to be when we are thinking about the history of our country today.

There is an Open Day at the Winsford Hospital over the weekend. Please do go along if you can. Please see the leaflet later in the newsletter.

Home Learning

As a Federation, we have had a full review of homework. We have taken into account research on effective home learning and taken into consideration pupil, parent and staff work-life balance.

There are two elements to home-learning; first is the focus on embedding the fundamental essential skills which children need, on which to build other learning. This will begin next week and information will be shared on Class Dojo.

Alongside this there will be a more creative and open ended project and parents will be invited in to see a display of the completed projects. Details of the project title and expectations will be shared on Class Dojo pages next week. The submission date this term is **Monday 14th November** and parents will be invited in to school on the **afternoon of Friday 25th November to view a display of the projects.**

Further details and explanation are in the new policy which can be found here: <https://www.thecarey federation.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/Home-Learning-Policy-September-2022.pdf>

At the end of term, we will ask for feedback to see how parents, children and staff have found the new Home-Learning. Homework is something that there will never be universal agreement over but if there is a clear need to, we will review the policy.

Free School Meals / Pupil Premium

If your financial situation has changed, your child may be entitled to Pupil Premium. This brings other benefits in addition to Free School Meals. In the Federation, we offer a free set of uniform per year, free before and after school clubs, day trips are free and residential are heavily subsidised by the Federation. For further information, please see the attached poster for further details.

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:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, plus, from 19 April 2022, those with no recourse to public funds (subject to specified income and capital thresholds)
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get) at the time of your application. If your income goes above the threshold in the future, but you remain on Universal Credit, your child will remain eligible. If you applied before 1 April 2018 there was no household income threshold for Universal Credit claimants.

Children who receive any of the above benefits in their own right (i.e. they get benefits payments directly, instead of through a parent or guardian) can also get free school meals.

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) 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.

Wild Tribe

Class 1 will have Wild Tribe on Fridays. 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 should be tied up.

During Wild Tribe sessions, children may be given hot chocolate and marshmallows. If you would like to see the ingredient list, please speak to the Office and please let us know if your child CANNOT have these.

Clubs

After School Clubs will begin next week. Please see details here: <https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/ashwater-primary-school/about-us/before-after-school-clubs/>

Uniform

Please contact us if you are awaiting school uniform or if you would like to place an order please speak to Mrs Wilson in the office.

Consultation on Extending the Age Range of the School

I am delighted to tell you that the consultation on extending the age range of Ashwater School from 4 – 11 to 2 – 11 begins today. This means, if successful, our Pre-School will formally become part of the school. There will be no difference to how we run and operate as we are already a Foundation Stage Unit, a requirement in extending the age range.

If we are successful in the consultation, it will secure the future of Ashwater School. I am so pleased to be at this point as when I started in September 2018, there were significant question marks over the future of the Pre-School. Now, County have approved us going to consultation – a situation we could not imagine a few years ago. I thank all our parents, past and present, PTFA, staff and governors for your rallying support. Now all we need is support in the consultation. Please find full details here: <https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/Consultation-Leaflet-Ashwater-Sep-22.pdf>

Non Uniform Day

On Friday 16th we will be having a non uniform day in aid of the Pakistan floods appeal, a suggested donation of £1. Please find more about the appeal here: <https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/pakistan-floods-appeal>

Winsford Centre Open days

Winsford Centre in Halwill are holding free open days -Mindfulness through the arts- Saturday 10 to Monday 12 September between 10am - 4pm. <https://www.landmarktrust.org.uk/news-and-events/upcoming-events/winsford-hospital-heritage-open-day-2022/>

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 G Marshall

Safeguarding

All our safeguarding policies have been updated for this year and will be ratified at the next Governors' meeting. They can be found here: <https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/key-information/safeguarding/>
On 3rd October we will have a visit from the Dog's Trust to talk to children about being safe around dogs.



After school clubs

Tuesday	Club: Gardening Club Teacher: Paula Howard	KS1 and KS2	Starts on 20 th Sept Runs for 5 weeks £1 per session
Wednesday	Club: Tag Rugby Teacher: Scott Hayler	KS1 and KS2	Starts on 14 th Sept Runs for 6 weeks £1 per session
Thursday	Club: Art Club Teacher: Emma Sillwood	KS1 and KS2	Starts on 15 th Sept Runs for 6 weeks £1 per session

Dates for your diary:

September

9th

KS1 trip to Winsford Centre, Halwill

12th

Non Uniform day—Pakistan Flood appeal

October

24th

October half term begins

31st-1st Nov

Inset days

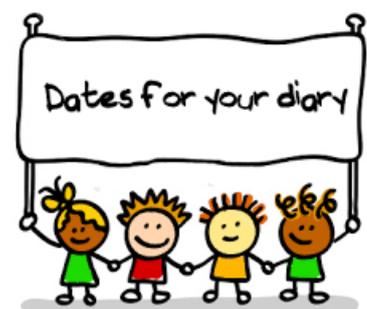
November

2nd

Pupils return to school

23rd

Tempest Photography Individual Photos



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