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Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Good Provider

Dear Parents,

I hope you found the meeting with your child's teacher helpful. If you were not able to make the day, please contact the office and we will re-arrange your meeting for another day.

Class 1 Teacher Update

Miss Downes has done a wonderful job in Class 1 this term and was due to be leaving at Christmas when our new teacher Miss Catherine Gee will be joining us in the new year. However, Miss Downes will now be staying with us until February half term and will work alongside Miss Gee until she fully takes over the class after half term. Both are excellent, experienced teachers and working together will make a very smooth transition for the children. Miss Gee joins us having taught for many years in Okehampton Primary School. She has strong experience of Early Years and Key Stage 1 and is also a leading teacher for Maths in the County and will take on the leadership of Maths accounts



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Next half term, Miss Downes will be in class on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday during which time, Miss Gee will work alongside her to get to know the children, their strengths and areas for development. She will also have time to deliver Maths interventions to children at both schools. On Thursdays and Fridays, Miss Gee will take the class.

Miss Gee will be coming to the Christmas Extravaganza tomorrow and then will come into school on Wednesday 6th December and again on Monday 11th December. I am sure you will be pleased with this arrangement as it will be hugely beneficial for the children. We are pleased to be having Miss Downes for a bit longer and we look forward to welcoming Miss Gee.

Holsworthy Town Band 5th December 7pm



Holsworthy Town Band are coming to Ashwater village on the 5th December at 7pm, to play Christmas carols. If it's dry it will be held on the village green. If wet in the village hall. Light festive refreshments will be served.

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Christmas Dates

Here are the Christmas dates with some extra details. Here is the Google form for you to book your show tickets. <u>https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeckAb546iV1NICbv61i308uYXYoGCgupLlodAWJAEa0H4PCg/</u> <u>viewform?usp=sf_link Get_our_App:_edsp.co/app</u>

The PTFA will be selling tea/coffee, mince pies & hamper tickets before each show.

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Saturday 2 nd December	12:30 – 2:30 pm Ashwater Christmas Extravaganza
	The Waldon Choir will be joining us and children
	will sing with them at before the Christmas tree
	light switch on at 2:30.
Wednesday 6 th December	Christmas Production 9:15 am
	No breakfast club
	Please bring children promptly to school by 8:50
	am
Thursday 7 th December	
	Christmas Production 5:00 pm
	Children to arrive at 4:40 pm
Wednesday 13 th December	
	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 14 th December	9:15 am Church Service
	Parents please drop children to Ashwater Church
	by 9:00am. Staff will walk the children back after-
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Vision Screening YR

This has now been rearranged for Wednesday 6th December

Apply for Your Child's Primary School Place

Do you or someone you know, have a child born between the 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020? If you do, they are due to start primary school in September 2024. You will be able to apply for their school place from the 15th November 2023. Please be aware that the Local Authority is no longer sending any letters out to families inviting them to apply. You can pre-register your details so that you receive an email and/or a text message when the system goes live for applications on the 15th of November. Please visit the web pages below for further information about the process - https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place/

You can register to receive a reminder by completing this form

https://forms.office.com/e/ksWfDUXZKxhttps://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/ apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place/

Every day is Open Day!! We don't have an open day for prospective parents because we prefer to offer individual tours to families so you can see us as we are on an ordinary day. Please contact the office if you would like to arrange a visit.

Safeguarding at Ashwater

The Safeguarding Team

Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs R Alford

Attendance Officer:

Miss S Revers

Safeguarding Governor:

Mrs A Clark

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs R Cawsey

Miss H Frayn

Safeguarding

HOW TO STAY SAFE DRIVING ON ICY ROADS



EASY AS HACK

If your car thermometer is close to zero, there's a good chance the roads are icy and you may encounter black ice on the road.

1. BE PREPARED FOR ICY CONDITIONS

Prepare yourself and your car in advance for ice driving. In winter, it's particularly important to make sure your car is well maintained, with tyres in good condition and windscreen wash topped up. We also recommend having some essentials with you in the car, such as an ice scraper, a torch, a blanket, warm clothes and a fully charged phone.

Don't miss: Our full list of winter car maintenance tips.

2. LEAVE PLENTY OF TIME

Allow plenty of time for potential hold-ups caused by icy conditions. Check the weather forecast and local transport news so you can plan your route carefully.

Before you set off, make time to clear any ice completely from your windscreens and all car windows. It's not safe to only clear a small hole in your icy windscreen and hope the rest will defrost as you drive. In fact, the Highway Code states that "You MUST be able to see, so clear all snow and ice from all your windows".

3. TAKE IT EASY

If you're driving in ice, slow down and drive cautiously, especially when going around corners or if your view of the road ahead is obscured. Keep your speed low if you are on the motorway too. Driving slowly means you have more time to react to hazards, including black ice on the road, vulnerable road users or another vehicle that's in trouble.

Keep a large gap between your car and the vehicle in front of you. Did you know that stopping distances can increase ten-fold in icy conditions? This could mean a braking distance of a whooping 200+ metres in a 30-mile-per-hour zone.

Check this out: Driving in fog: when to use fog lights

4. WATCH OUT FOR HAIL

Hail often occurs when it's very cold and icy outside and this can bring driving visibility close to zero. If it's safe to pull over and wait for the hail to stop, do so, but don't get out of the car. If possible, face your front windscreen in the direction of the hail as it's stronger than your car windows.

5. WATCH OUT FOR BLACK ICE

Ice, unlike snow, can be tricky to spot. This is especially true for the dreaded black ice, a thin layer of ice on the road that is transparent – it's the colour of the road underneath, which makes it look black. Quiet roads are more often affected by black ice than busy roads.

To spot black ice on the road, keep an eye out for glossy, wet-looking tarmac, and be particularly careful if you see other drivers sliding.

Since black ice on the roads is so tricky to spot – especially in shaded areas or in the dark – Uniroyal Tyres recommends using your car thermometer as a guide. If it's close to freezing, you'll need to be extra careful.

Read this: 10 tips to prepare your car for the cold weather

WHAT TO DO IF YOU SLIDE ON ICY ROADS

If you encounter icy patches on the road and your car skids, it can be very frightening. Once your car has started to slide, it's impossible to correct the slide using steering alone. If you suspect ice up ahead, pull over if it's safe to do so. If you're not able to pull over, don't panic. Drive at a cautious speed so it's easier to correct a slide and stay safe. Other tips to help you stay in control when ice driving include:

- Try and anticipate the need to stop or slow down, so you can brake gently
- Avoid harsh braking or slamming your foot down. Carry out manoeuvres extra slowly
- Use the highest gear possible to avoid wheel spin
- But if you're driving downhill, stick to a lower gear to stay in control
- If your car starts to slide, resist the urge to brake hard as this could make the slide worse
- Ease off the accelerator and steer slightly in the direction of the skid until you gain control
- Look where you want the car to go
- Don't oversteer though, also known as over-correcting
- Don't take your hands off the steering wheel

Always keep your seatbelt on

SHOULD YOU HELP OTHER DRIVERS STUCK ON ICY ROADS?

Generally, no. It can cause more danger and lead to collisions if you stop your car to help another driver in icy road conditions.

Dates for your diary:						
<u>December</u>						
2nd	PTFA Christmas Extravaganza 12.30pm—2.30pm					
6th	Christmas Production 9.15am					
6th	YR Vision Screening					
7th	Christmas Production 5.00pm					
13th	Christmas Lunch					
14th	Christmas Church Service 9.15am					
15th	End of term					
<u>January</u>						
2nd	Non-pupil day					
3rd	Start of term					
15th	Class 2 Tag Rugby (Rescheduled)					
<u>February</u>						
12th to 16th	Half term					
<u>March</u>						
11th	KS1 Performing Arts Festival Y1 and 2 at HCC					
<u>June</u>						
24th	Yr 5 & 6 Cricket Festival at HCC					
<u>July</u>						
8th	Beach Festival Y3 and 4 at Bude					
Term dates: <u>ht</u>	tps://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/halwill-primary-school/parents/term-dates/					

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JOB VACANCY at ASHWATER PRIMARY SCHOOL (collect meals from Halwill, mileage paid between sites)

CATERING ASSISTANT

Monday to Friday 11am – 1.30pm

(12.5 hours/week, term time only) (Monthly pay £462, paid 12 months per year)

Duties to include: Collecting meals from Halwill Primary School, Serving meals at Ashwater, washing up returning boxes to Halwill

Full training given & uniform provided South West Norse DBS check will be carried out for this role

> For more details*, please contact laura.barrs@norsegroup.co.uk *also posted on Indeed





The HAF website

The programme of events for Winter has now gone live in Devon

http://devon.cc/haf-winter-23

Please share far and wide! Places are limited

Places are available for children who are accessing benefit related free school meals

https://devon.cc/haf-parents-info

Roast Turkey

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Christmas Lunch

Or

Vegetarian Roast

Served with

Roast Potatoes, Pigs in Blankets Sage & Onion Stuffing, Peas, Carrots & Sprouts Gravy & Cranberry Sauce

Christmas Pudding Cake

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Norovirus

If you catch it, stay home for 48 hours after your symptoms clear.

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DO

- Wash clothes and bedding at 60°C
- Wash hands with soap, clean surfaces with bleach-based disinfectants

DON'T

- Go to work or school, visit care homes or hospitals
- Prepare food for others

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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 ACTIVI-TIES, 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.

Struggling to top up your prepayment meter?

You might be able to claim fuel vouchers

If you have prepayment meters and can't afford to top them up, we can help. We may be able to give you fuel vouchers, and our specialist energy team can help you find ways to save money on your household bills

Call 01237 879233, email fuelvouchers@ruraldevoncab.org.uk or scan the QR code to request a call back

