



Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Dear Parents,

Happy new year to you all and a very warm welcome back to a new term and a new year. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. Thank you very much for the cards and gifts you generously gave to the staff, it really is appreciated by us all.

I have been very pleased to see the children come back and settle quickly and positively into the new term. It is a very cold start so please remember to send in coats, gloves, hats and scarves.

Teachers are in the process of updating their Class Page on the website. This will be completed by the end of the week. Teachers will let you know on Class Dojo when the Class Page is ready.

Federation trip to Disney's Aladdin at Theatre Royal Plymouth, Thursday 1st February

As you will have seen in my recent letter, we have a very exciting trip planned for all Year Reception to Year 6 children across the Federation to see the West End musical, Disney's Aladdin. This is a fantastic opportunity to see a live professional production at the Theatre Royal Plymouth. Here is a trailer for the show: <https://youtu.be/XZhIQMO8Cdg?si=VrDGivaf7zm59IZk>

The cost of this trip is £28 per child. I appreciate this is a considered amount, however, we have managed to secure tickets for £25 per child (this is significantly lower than the going rate should you book yourselves). The coach is costing £11 per child so the total per child is £36. However, to support our families, the Ashwater PTFA and Halwill Friends are kindly paying £6 per pupil and the Federation is paying £2 per pupil from funds I have raised through undertaking Equality training for other schools. If your child is entitled to Pupil Premium the cost will be £12.

As this is a whole Federation trip, all staff will be on the trip.



Parking on Zig-Zag Lines

Please may I remind parents that **it is illegal to park on the yellow zig-zag lines in front of the school** according to Rule 243 of the Highway Code. Parking in front of the school gates is causing children and parents to have to walk around cars in to the road and reduces visibility of both a small child seeing vehicles approaching and a driver seeing the child step out. There is ample parking on the opposite side of the road so please do make use of this. Thank you for your cooperation.

Medical Conditions Update

If your child has been diagnosed with a NEW medical condition (including allergies, food intolerances and asthma) since we last requested this information in the Autumn Term, please complete the form here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdzKS8NWrQZQDEO8v3VB55GyKRvfV4Htx_PtGE-EkFiIFCuhA/viewform?usp=sf_link

If you have already completed this form and there are no further changes, you do not need to complete the form.

Visit from Former Headteacher

Today we are expecting a visit from Mrs Glennis Thom, who was the headteacher of Ashwater Primary School prior to joining The Carey Federation. Mrs Thom made many positive changes to the school and oversaw the federation process with Halwill. We look forward to showing her how Ashwater has developed and continues to thrive.

Clubs

Please find information about this half term's clubs on our website: <https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/ashwater-primary-school/about-us/before-after-school-clubs/>

Wild Tribe

Class 2 will have Wild Tribe on Friday mornings this half term.

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 must be tied up.

Term Dates 2024 - 25

Term dates for 2024 -25 have now been agreed by governors. Please find them attached to this newsletter and on our website: <https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/ashwater-primary-school/parents/term-dates/>

Please note the non-pupil day on **Monday 16th June 2025** is not attached to a holiday. It will provide an extended weekend for families during a long 8 week half term.

Apply for Your Child's Primary School Place by 15th January

The deadline to apply for a September 2024 school place is fast approaching. As we are a small school, places are limited. Late applications will be considered after timely applications.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-primary-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.

Vacancies

We have a vacancy for a Meal Time Assistant at Halwill.

Devon Norse also have a vacancy for a Kitchen Manager.

Please see adverts for both later in the newsletter.

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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

Mrs H Frayn

Mrs C Gee

Safeguarding

How to set up filters on your home internet to help prevent age inappropriate content being accessed on devices in your home.

The 4 big internet providers in the UK – BT, Sky, TalkTalk and Virgin Media – provide their customers with free parental controls which can be activated at any time. They have come together to produce these helpful video guides to help you to download and set-up the controls offered by your provider.

We know that children, particularly younger children, can be bothered by things they see online, and filters can be a helpful tool in reducing the chances of coming across something upsetting.



Click here for information on how to do this: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parental-controls-offered-by-your-home-internet-provider>

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

Dates for your diary:

January

15th Class 3 Tag Rugby (Rescheduled)

February

1st Theatre Royal Aladdin trip

12th to 16th Half term

26th National Child Measurement Programme 2024. Yr R & 6

March

11th KS1 Performing Arts Festival Y1 and 2 at HCC

28th End of term

April

15th Start of term

May

6th Bank holiday

27th to 31st Half term

June

3rd Non-pupil day

24th Yr 5 & 6 Cricket Festival at HCC

July

8th Beach Festival Y3 and 4 at Bude

23rd End of term

Term dates: <https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/halwill-primary-school/parents/term-dates/>



Was your child born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020?

How to Apply for a Primary School Place in Devon

You can apply online at
www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline
from 15th November 2023 to the 15th January 2024

If you cannot access the school
admissions website you can get
more information by calling our
Education Helpline on

0345 155 1019

or email: admissions@devon.gov.uk



Even if you have already given
details to a primary school, you
must apply for a place through the
Admissions Team. This is the only
way to apply; other forms or lists
held by schools will not count.

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Term Dates 2024-2025

Autumn Term

Non-pupil day Tuesday 3rd September 2024
Term starts Wednesday 4th September 2024
Term ends Friday 25th October 2024
Half term 28th October to 1st November 2024
Non-pupil day Monday 4th November 2024
Term starts Tuesday 5th November 2024
Term ends Thursday 19th December 2024

Spring Term

Term starts Monday 6th January 2025
Term ends Friday 14th February 2025
Half term 17th to 21st February 2025
Non-pupil day Monday 24th February 2025
Term starts Tuesday 25th February 2025
Term ends Friday 4th April 2025

Summer Term

Term starts Tuesday 22nd April 2025
Bank Holiday Monday 5th May 2025
Term ends Friday 23rd May 2025
Half term 26th to 30th May 2025
Term starts Tuesday 2nd June 2025
Non-pupil day Monday 16th June 2025
Term ends Wednesday 23rd July 2025



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JOB VACANCY at HALWILL PRIMARY SCHOOL KITCHEN MANAGER

**Monday to Friday
9am – 2pm
(25 hours/week, term time only)
£ 11.07 ph
(£23,025.60 pro rata)**

**Duties to include:
Day to day running of the kitchen, Stock ordering, Admin, Meal
prep, serving lunches, Stock takes and Cleaning.**

**Full training given & uniform provided
DBS check will be carried out for this role**

For more details*, please contact
laura.barrs@norsegroup.co.uk
(please state 'HALWILL' in subject)
*also posted on Indeed

THE CAREY FEDERATION



JOB VACANCY at HALWILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

MEAL TIME ASSISTANT

**Monday to Friday
11:45am – 1:45pm
(10 hours/week, term time only)
(Hourly pay £11:59, paid monthly, 12 months per
year)**

**Duties include:
Setting up and clearing away lunch tables
Supervising children in the dining hall and
playground.**

For more details*, please contact

admin@halwill.devon.sch.uk

Telephone:- 01409 221476

***also posted on Indeed or see our website**

**We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of
children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to
share this commitment.**

**An enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check is required for
this post.**

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 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:

- 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.

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.