

THE CAREY FEDERATION



Ashwater Primary School

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Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Dear Parents,

We have a busy week as Mrs Cawsey is involved in First Aid training and Dyslexia training. I am also on a two day course on Wednesday and Thursday. As Mrs Cawsey is also out, any urgent matters will be handled by Miss Miners. I will follow up any non-urgent matters when I return.

Pre- School

As a follow up to the age range of Ashwater School being extended we have been asked by Devon County Council to encourage all families to go to the Citizens Portal to check their eligibility for 2 year old funding. By doing this you can give us permission to then check for free school meal and Early Years Pupil Premium eligibility – and eligibility for any other funding. We want as many parents as possible to set up accounts please. Thank you.

Home-Learning

A huge thanks to the many parents who have now contributed to the survey. In total we had 48 responses which, if we count siblings, totals 60 pupils across the Federation.

Around a third of parents felt the on-going tasks helped children with their learning, around another third were unsure and a further third felt it had not helped. It is very important for us to be reflective of your views and whilst we still want Home-Learning to focus on fundamental skills, we feel that the children need something else in addition that will be exciting, engaging and allow parents to see and support their progress, whilst not being onerous on your home-life balance or on teachers' work-life balance.

Therefore we are in the process of purchasing Mathletics for all the children (though Reception and Y1 will have a slightly different version adapted for their age.) Mathletics is an online platform of maths activities aligned with the National Curriculum. Teachers will set weekly tasks that the children need to complete and there will also be lots of other challenges children can access to extend themselves. Mathletics has videos and pictorial representations of the methods used in school so both you and your child will have a clear understanding of the method. It can be accessed on a phone, tablet or laptop. Mathletics can also be used by teachers in school as part of children's lessons. Here is a video which shows you more about Mathletics: <https://youtu.be/MKh20DOLzNg>

For children in Years 3 - 6 and those in Year 2 who have completed the Read, Write Inc. programme, we are purchasing Oxford Reading Buddy. It is an on-line reading platform which will help children's reading and comprehension in a fun and motivating way. Here is a video about Oxford Reading Buddy: <https://youtu.be/hr9wirOTVlw>

We hope these two platforms will be up and running in the next couple of weeks. In the meantime, teachers will set spellings for Year 1 upwards, times tables / numbers activity and children need to read 5 x per week. Once the platforms are in place, weekly home-learning will look like this:

Pre-school	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Sharing a book with a parent 5 times a week	Reading 5 times a week	Reading 5 times a week	Reading 5 times a week	Reading 5 times a week	Reading 5 times a week	Reading 5 times a week	Reading 5 times a week
	Mathletics	Mathletics	Mathletics	Mathletics	Mathletics	Mathletics	Mathletics
			Times Tables 3 x per week	Times Tables 3 x per week	Times Tables 3 x per week	Times Tables 3 x per week	Times Tables 3 x per week
		Spelling—Common exception list 3 x per week	Spelling—Statutory word list 3 x per week	Spelling—Statutory word list 3 x per week	Spelling—Statutory word list 3 x per week	Spelling—Statutory word list 3 x per week	Spelling—Statutory word list 3 x per week
			Oxford Reading Buddy for those who have completed RWI	Oxford Reading Buddy	Oxford Reading Buddy	Oxford Reading Buddy	Oxford Reading Buddy
							Mathematics or Reading booklet provided by school. Specific pages to be completed each week at home. Self-marked and edited using mark schemes provided.

56% of parents said their children found the project enjoyable. When we asked, the children, they said they really enjoyed it. The overarching theme in the written feedback was that the project needed more clarity and structure. Therefore, we will take this term to review the project and how it can be set with more guidance and scaffolding in the future, so there will not be a project set this term.

Thank you again for your feedback. I hope you and your children find the new platforms enjoyable and stimulating.

Class Pages on the Website

These have now been updated: <https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/ashwater-primary-school/children/class-pages/>

New Reception Starters September 2023

If your child was born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019 they are due to start primary school in September! Applications close on 15 January, so visit DCC's website before then <http://soc.devon.cc/5JV3d> If you can't apply online, please call 0345 155 1019

We are a very small school which means places are limited so please ensure applications are made in time and that Ashwater is put as first choice, to avoid disappointment. If you or someone you know would like a tour of the school, please contact the office and we will be happy to arrange this.



Wild Tribe

Class 2 will have Wild Tribe on Fridays for the first half of the Spring 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 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

Please see the clubs for this half term and next, on our website:

<https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/ashwater-primary-school/about-us/before-after-school-clubs/>

Mr Hayler's final club session last term was cancelled due to the weather. This will be credited to your fee this half term.

Class Assemblies

As Class Assemblies were so successful last year, we have decided to repeat them. Parents and carers are invited to come and watch these:

Class 1: Wednesday 8th February 9.15am

Class 2: Friday 24th March 9.15am

Vacancy

Devon Norse employ our catering staff so if you or someone you know would be interested in working in our lovely federation, please see the information below.

**SOUTH WEST
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HALWIL COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

JOB VACANCY

KITCHEN MANAGER
Monday to Friday
08.30am – 1.30pm
(25 hours/week, term time only)
£10.15 an hour
£900.60/month
(Paid 12 months a year)

Duties to include:
Food preparation/serving meals to children/Stock Taking and Purchasing/ Weekly Paperwork
recording via a tablet/Staff training.
Washing up dishes/General Kitchen duties/Manual Handling.

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

For more details please contact
jane.shreeve@norsegroup.co.uk
(please state 'Halwill KM' in subject)
also posted on Indeed

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Mrs R. Alford

Executive Headteacher

Dates for your diary:

January

26th Bag2School

February

8th Class 1 Assembly 9.15am

13th to 17th Half term

March

24th Class 2 Assembly 9.15am

31st End of term

April

17th Start of summer term

May

1st Bank holiday

8th Bank holiday

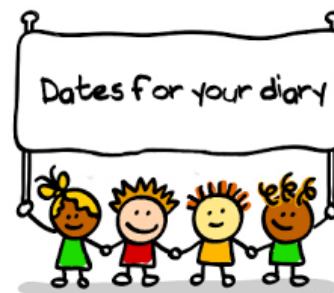
29th May to 2nd June Half term

June

5th Non-pupil day

July

21st Last day of term



Safeguarding at Ashwater

The Safeguarding Team

Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs R Alford

Attendance Officer:

Miss S Revers

Safeguarding Governor:

Mrs G Marshall

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs R Cawsey—SENDCo

Miss H Frayn

Here is latest On-line Safety Newsletter: <https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/Online-Safety-Newsletter-Dec-2022.pdf>

Was your child born between
1st September 2018 and
31st August 2019?

How to Apply for a Primary School Place in Devon

You can apply online at

www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline

from 15th November 2022 to the 15th January 2023

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.

Devon
County Council 

Bag2School



www.bag2school.com



Our next **Bag2School** collection
has been arranged for

Thursday 26th January 2023, Ashwater School

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at 9 am am / pm

Any questions - please ask your
school collection organiser

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