



## *Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other*

Dear Parents,

### Year 5/6 Trip to London

Thank you for your replies to the initial letter to gauge interest in a joint Federation and Shebbear Primary trip to London in July. I am pleased to say that the response has been very positive and therefore we hope the trip will be viable.

When we have firm numbers from the other schools, we can finalise the plans and will then send out permission forms. The payment installments will then be put on SchoolMoney.



### 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.

### Industrial Action

I am sure you will have heard that one of the teachers' unions, the NEU have voted for strike action. Although other unions, NASUWT and the NAHT did not reach the threshold of replies for strike action.

The first planned date of nationwide strikes is 1st February. However as this was announced yesterday, I do not yet know if there will be any strike action at our school but I will inform you as soon as possible as to whether this will affect us.

### Special menu Tuesday 24th January

To celebrate the Chinese New Year there is a change to the menu on Tuesday 24th January. Please see further in the newsletter for details. All previous orders for this day have been cleared and you will need to re-order for this day via SchoolMoney.



## Home-Learning



Further to my message last week regarding Home-Learning, we hope to have Mathletics and Oxford Reading Buddy in place in the next few weeks. Thank you for your patience with this, it takes a little time to set up new systems. 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.

## Class Pages on the Website

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

Just to let you know, the format of medium term planning is under review which is why teachers haven't updated these on the website for the Spring Term.

## Early Pick-ups

A reminder that children may only be collected early from school if they have a medical appointment, for which you will need to complete an S2 form.

## Class Assemblies

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

Class 1: Wednesday 8th February 9.15am

Class 2: Friday 24th March 9.15am

# Safeguarding at Ashwater

## The Safeguarding Team

### Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs R Alford

### Attendance Officer:

Miss S Revers

### Safeguarding Governor:

### Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs R Cawsey—SENDCo

Mrs G Marshall

Miss H Frayn

## Minecraft

*Check the age ratings: Minecraft is rated by PEGI as 7+ or 12+ depending on which game version you are playing. The App store rates it as 9+ and the Google Play store rates it as 10+.*

It is important to remember that when rating games, PEGI do not take into consideration the communication features of a game. Minecraft does include a chat facility, which adds further risks of seeing inappropriate language/content. This can be switched off.

Minecraft remains ever popular and can be a great learning tool that is often used in schools to teach planning skills, recreate famous buildings in 3D and coding. Players use building blocks (a bit like Lego) to create their own worlds.

### Which mode?

You can choose between Creative or Survival mode - creative mode removes the survival elements of the game (no mobs appearing at night) so may be a more appropriate mode for your child to play.

### What else do I need to be aware of?

- **Multiplayer** – children can interact with others (including strangers), you can switch this option off within settings or choose to play offline.
- **Block and report players** – if your child is playing with others, make sure they know how to block and report players within the game.
- **Additional purchases** – be aware of in app purchases and the purchase of additional items (skin packs) to support (although not needed) game play.

In addition, protect your child's privacy by using a nickname (don't include their age/birth year) rather than their real name for their profile and chat to your child to make sure that when playing online they know not to share personal information.

**Also, make sure they know they can talk to you or a trusted adult if anybody or anything is making them feel uncomfortable.**

Do not forget to make sure you have set up appropriate parental controls on the device your child is using to play Minecraft as well.





## International LEGO® Brick Art on display at the Burton in January 2023.

Exhibition dates: 21 January – 18 March, 2023

The Brick by Brick exhibition gathers the work of 18 artists, designers and photographers from around the world who use LEGO® bricks as their medium or inspiration. Using this simple plastic construction block as their starting point, they have created stunning, thought provoking and often humorous artworks which will appeal to art enthusiasts and LEGO® fans alike.

Inspired by the wide range of artworks on show, a LEGO® graffiti wall, build tables and a selection of LEGO® related games and workshops will give visitors the opportunity to try their hand at creating their own construction brick artwork.



Participating artists are: The Little Artists, David Hughes, David Turner, Jason Freeny, Ekow Nimako, Janet Curley Cannon, Hannah Gibson, Cole Blaq, Little Big Art, Zino, Eat My Bricks, Samsofy, Michael Brennand-Wood, James Paterson, Valentino Fialdini, Agabag, AME 72 and Jonathan Rolph.

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## *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

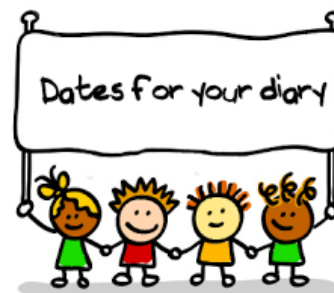
29th May to 2nd June Half term

### June

5th Non-pupil day

### July

21st Last day of term



## The Carey Qualities

### 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 <b>Relationships</b>	For being <b>Resilient</b>	For being <b>Resourceful</b>	For being <b>Reflective</b>	For being <b>Respectful</b>
Bradley B George B	Charlie V Jack K		Gemma OD Harry C	

# Special menu on Tuesday 24th January.

Please order on SchoolMoney

(All previous orders on this day will have been cancelled.)

Thank you



## Menu

**Chinese Style Chicken & Rice**

or

**Vegetable Noodle Wrap**

**& Rice**

served with

**Stir Fry Vegetables & Bean  
Shoots**

followed by

**Mandarin Jelly**

**& Ice Cream**

**Chilled Fruit Juice**





## **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  
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(please state 'Halwill KM' in subject)  
also posted on Indeed





# Bag2School



[www.bag2school.com](http://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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