

# Ashwater Primary School

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Dear Parents,

We were delighted that so many Federation parents joined last week's virtual meeting to learn more about Read, Write Inc.

If you attended, we would love your feedback and if you weren't able to attend, we would value knowing how we can make attending easier for you, so please complete this short feedback form: <https://forms.gle/Z1KhPyxidT2RAfA19>

For parents of Years 3 to 6, please join us for a virtual meeting on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 4:30 pm** to learn about **Reading in Key Stage 2**, what we do in school and how to help your children at home.

## COVID Risk Assessment

We have updated our Risk Assessment to take into account new isolation rules. <https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/RA100-V-2.8final040122.pdf>

However, despite national changes, we have maintained in our Risk Assessment that face coverings should be worn by staff, unless exempt or if they impact negatively on teaching, learning or interacting with children. Governors have taken this decision because of the very high rates in some local schools. We ask parents to also continue to wear face coverings at drop-off and pick-up. We will maintain this while other local schools report high Covid numbers, as we know how quickly this can spread through communities. All visitors and external staff are asked to undertake LFD tests.

## Ashwater Non-Uniform Day for the Queen's Jubilee, Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

The actual date of the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II is 6th February (although the Bank Holiday is not until June half term). In celebration, the children can come to school in **non-uniform with a red, white and blue theme next Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**. They will take part in Jubilee themed curriculum activities on that day. This is a celebration event so there is no donation for the day.

There are great plans in Ashwater for the Bank Holiday weekend and I was pleased to attend a meeting about this in the Village Hall last Friday evening.

## Governor Visit

We were pleased to have John Lawlor, (Chair of Governors) and Becky Bridgman (Vice Chair and Teaching and Learning Lead), visit on Monday. I fed back on a learning walk I had undertaken that morning and they were very impressed with the high quality of teaching and learning as well as the very positive 'Aim High' attitudes of the children; who really are so evidently happy to learn.

## Morning Club

As a working parent, I understand that a Morning Club facility is invaluable to enable parents to balance their work and family needs. This is why I was so keen to introduce this to Ashwater School and we have found that a number of parents do find it very useful. We are very happy that parents choose to use it on days that suit them, this means some days we don't have any children, which is absolutely fine but it also means we really need to know well in advance if there are going to be children attending on particular days so we can organise staffing. As a small school, we all take a turn in staffing the Morning Club and sometimes, if there are last minute bookings, we have to try and arrange staffing in the evenings, which can be a challenge as we all have our own childcare or other family commitments.

Therefore, I am asking that you please **book your Morning Club place on School Money by Friday for the following week.** If you have **an absolutely last minute need, please book by 1.00 pm the day before you need the club,** so the bookings can be checked at lunchtime.

I thank you for this, as you will be supporting us to balance our work and family needs as we support you with yours.

## Healthy Swaps

Following on from the note in last week's newsletter about healthy snacks, the children will be introduced to the NHS 'Be a Swap Rock Star!' in assembly. The idea is that you don't have to say 'no' to things you enjoy but swap to a healthier version.



Children who attend After School Clubs are welcome to bring in a healthy, nut free, snack to have before the club.

## Fire Drill

Mr Moakes, Federation Health and Safety Lead, has asked me to pass on how impressed he was with the children in last week's unannounced fire drill. They evacuated the building to the car park across the road, impeccably and in a record 1 minute 12 seconds. Ashwaters best yet.

Mrs Ruh Alford

Executive Headteacher

## Safeguarding at Ashwater

### The Safeguarding Team

#### Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs R Alford

#### Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs R Cawsey

Miss H Frayne

#### Attendance Officer:

Miss S Revers

#### Safeguarding Governor:

Mrs G Marshall

Most children won't tell anyone if they are being abused but there are things you can do to keep the children in your life safe. Click here to find out more: <https://stopabusetgether.campaign.gov.uk/>

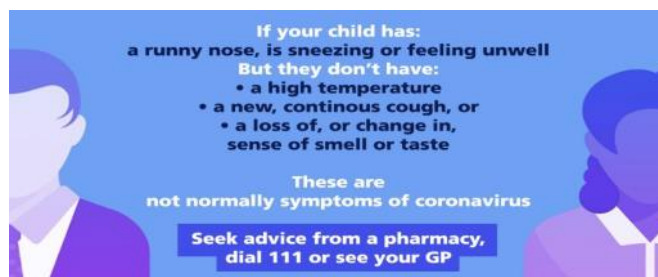


Please remember to order your School lunches via schoolmoney by Friday of each week. This helps us cater correctly. Thank you.



### Contacting Ashwater School

The school office (01409 211228) is open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. If you urgently need to contact a member of staff when the office is closed please either call the Classroom direct line or contact Halwill school on 01409 221476.



### The Carey Qualities

Each Friday 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<br><b>Relationships</b> | For being<br><b>Resilient</b> | For being<br><b>Resourceful</b> | For being<br><b>Reflective</b> | For being<br><b>Respectful</b> |
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| Jayden<br>Ben                        | Ernie                         | Bradley                         |                                |                                |

### *Dates for your diary:*

#### **February**

16th

*Reading for KS2 virtual meeting for parents 4.30pm*

3rd

*Non-Uniform Day for the Queen's Jubilee*

#### **March**

24th

*Tempest Photography*

#### **April**

8th

*End of Spring Term*

25th

*Start of Summer Term*

#### **May**

2nd

*Bank Holiday*

30th May—3rd June

*Half Term*

#### **July**

22nd

*End of Summer*

#### **September**

1st

*Inset Day*

2nd

*Inset Day*

#### **November**

23rd

*Tempest Photography*