



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

Dear Parents,

This half term has raced by! It has been incredibly busy and productive. Last week, the trip to Disney's Aladdin at the Theatre Royal, Plymouth was a huge success. All the children and staff in the Federation had a wonderful time. It was a spectacular show and great bonding experience for all the children and staff. So many members of the public commented about the children's exemplary behavior. I really am very proud of them all.



Well done to Charlie Crocombe and George Bridgman who were selected to attend Gifted and Talented Drama sessions at Hatherleigh School run by the MED Theatre. The Federation is a collaboration of maintained schools called DISP (Devon Independent Schools Partnership). Through this we can organise professional development for staff and opportunities like this for the children.

Number Day last week was very successful. Thanks to Mrs Catherine Gee, Federation Maths Lead for organising this and leading an assembly across both schools via Teams. It was great to see so many children wearing numbers to celebrate the day.



This week we have learnt about Internet Safety. Thank you to Miss Hayley Frayn, Federation Computing Lead, who has organised activities for the teachers to deliver.

It has also been Children's Mental Health Week. Our focus is 'Be Respectful to Myself' and links to our Carey Quality of 'Being Respectful'. We have done work around this theme during the week. Thank you to Mrs Cawsey, Federation Sendco, who has been leading on this and we have been looking at 5 steps to helping our mental wellbeing. It was great to see many children wearing an accessory today.

#### Children's Mental Health Week 2024

Next week is Children's Mental health week. This term we have been continuing to think about ways we can help look after our Mental health and Wellbeing. We have been using the poster below to help us. As part of our activities next week we would like to invite the children to wear a scarf or accessory of their choice on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February, to express themselves. The theme this year is 'My voice matters'. The children will be taking part in activities thinking about what it feels like when they are listened to and finding out their views about being heard.



#### 5 steps to for Mental Wellbeing.



Connect – connect with the people around you: your family and friends. Spend time developing these relationships.

Be active – take a walk, go cycling or play a game of football. Find a physical activity that you enjoy and make it a part of your life. Exercising makes you feel good.

Keep learning – learning new skills can give you a sense of achievement and a new confidence, as well as being fun. This includes hobbies and interests as well as academic learning.

Give – even the smallest act can count, whether it's a smile, a thank you or a kind word. Do something nice for another person or group/class.

Take notice – be mindful of feelings, sensations, surroundings and nature. Be curious, catch sight of the beautiful and remark on the unusual. Notice the changing seasons. Be aware of the world around you and what you are feeling.

Class 1 will have Wild Tribe next half term, on Friday mornings.

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.

Please see information about After School Clubs on our website: <https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/ashwater-primary-school/about-us/before-after-school-clubs/>



## Staff

I would like to thank Miss Katt Downes for all her wonderful teaching and care she has given Class 1 since September. She will be missed! We wish her every success and she will hopefully still come in to school to help with cover, if she is available. Transition this half term with Mrs Catherine Gee has been really smooth. The children now know Mrs Gee well and she now also has an excellent grasp on their attainment, pastoral needs and next steps.

## Schools Exhibition, Burton Gallery, Bideford

We are submitting children's art work to be displayed in the Burton Art Gallery. Please complete the consent form via this link <https://forms.gle/zKGZUaMvBJ9CBCHo9>

This confirms you are happy for your child's work to be displayed with their name, year group and school details. Please do so by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February. We will only submit art work if the form is completed. Please note, the Art Gallery may not display all work submitted. After half term, I will confirm when the work will actually be displayed so that you can arrange to see it at the weekend.

## Class Assemblies

We are pleased to invited parents and carers to watch your child share their learning with you in their Class Assembly. Here are the dates and times:

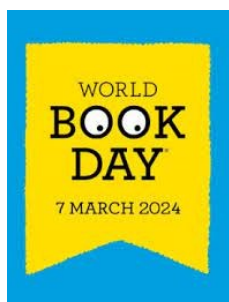
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March – Class 1 Ashwater 9.10am

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Class 2 Ashwater 9.10am

## Half Term

I wish you all a very enjoyable half term break and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

## World Book Day - Thursday 7th March!



We are very excited about World Book Day because we LOVE reading!

We will have a school theme for the whole week this year, where we will explore the traditional tale of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. All classes will use this tale for their English learning but all classes will approach this well-known tale in different ways. We will start and end the week with a whole school assembly where we will share our learning and work.

On Thursday, we invite children and staff to come to school dressed up as a character from a book. To celebrate reading further, we would like to invite grandparents in to listen to children read, read to children and generally celebrate books with the children. (Dress up optional for grandparents too!) It would be wonderful if you could join us from 2:30pm. There will be a whole school story at the end of the day for you to enjoy with the children too.

Many thanks, Alix Rothery



# Safeguarding at Ashwater

## The Safeguarding Team

### Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs R Alford

### Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs Gee

Miss Frayn

Mrs R Cawsey—SENDCo

### Attendance Officer:

Miss S Revers

### Safeguarding Governor:

Mrs A Clark

## Safeguarding

See the latest On-line Safety Newsletter for Parents

[OLSNNewsletterparentsFeb2024-71ddacc4.pdf \(newzapp.co.uk\)](https://newzapp.co.uk/OLSNNewsletterparentsFeb2024-71ddacc4.pdf)

### Welcome to the February 2024 Scomis Online Safety Newsletter for Parents and Carers

#### Online Gaming

In the December 2023 issue of the SCOMIS Online Safety newsletter we recommended 'setting up devices' before wrapping up. In this issue we will sign-post you to advice and guidance available for parents and carers about Online Gaming. Knowing where to begin looking can be a challenge! The following websites have lots of information, summarised as follows:

**Childnet—Online Gaming: an introduction for parents and carers** includes advice on:

- How and where to play games safely
- The risks of Online Gaming
- How to report inappropriate behaviour
- Further support and guidance

**CEOPS ThinkUKnow—Gaming: what parents and carers need to know** includes advice and videos on:

- 3 ways to make gaming safer for your child
- how to find out about 'in-game chat'
- how you can tell what is an age appropriate game
- In App purchases

**Internet Matters—Online Gaming | Resources for Parents - Internet Matters** includes advice on:

- setting parental controls on games and consoles
- gaming guides for parents
- gaming guides for children
- gaming books

**Family Lives—Gaming | Family Lives** find out about:

- how to talk to your child about gaming
- how to game safely
- how to set boundaries
- why gaming is so addictive
- the positive sides of gaming
- how to encourage healthy screen time

watch the video on Pros and cons of social media: [top tips to help parents of teens](#)

**NSPCC—Online Games: understand the risks and get advice to help children play online games safely**

Find out more about:

- age ratings of games they play
- messaging and contact functions on the games
- trolling, grieving and scams
- how to report problems


**Young Minds—Gaming: A guide for parents** includes:

- what to do if you are worried
- finding professional help
- view their [guide for young people](#) on gaming and mental health

**South West Grid for Learning—Online Safety and Gaming** includes articles on:

- what is gaming?
- benefits of gaming
- [Online safety and gaming](#)
- basic privacy and security settings

Review the [Gaming Dictionary](#) and discover the meaning of: FPS, CCG, MMO and much more.



#### Screen time—Benefits v Potential Risks

Learn about the impacts of screen time on children

Benefits of screen time identified by [Internet Matters](#) include:


- Online games and activities can enhance teamwork and creativity
- The internet gives children access to a wealth of information to help build their knowledge
- Interacting with computers improves both visual intelligence and hand-eye coordination

Potential risks include:

- Sleep cycles are affected by blue light from the screen
- Impact on behaviour
- Impact on brain development
- how to get support with screen time

Review [Internet Matters](#) article in full

Watch the [video](#) from [Common Sense Media](#) on the 5 signs to make sure your child has a healthy relationship with screen time



#### Social Media Guides

**Do you know if your child is using Social Media?**  
**Does your child use chat sites, Apps to talk to family and friends?**  
**Do you know if your child is sharing selfies?**  
**Have you set up parental controls?**  
**If you answered 'no' to any of the above questions visit** [Internet Matters](#) and review their advice and guidance on:

Facebook Messenger Facetime Instagram Skype TikTok Whatpad Whatsapp Youbo (and more!)

**Remember** if your child is gaming online, they could be chatting and communicating with other players (strangers) or friends. [Internet Matters](#) has provided safety guides and videos to help you keep your child safe on:

[Steam Xbox Live Twitch TV Roblox Minecraft PlayStation Network Nintendo Network - NB Nintendo's consoles are more family-friendly than most, its chat functionality is a lot more geared to safe interaction for younger players.](#)


Check the following websites:

- [Childnet's Parent and Carer's Toolkit](#)
- [ThinkUKnow's advice for Parents and Carer's](#)
- [ThinkUKnow's interactive website for 4-7 year olds](#)

**Need Help in the holidays?**

Remember FREE advice is just a phone call away from the [NSPCC helpline](#):

0800 800 5000  
[Childline](#): 0800 1111



## ***Dates for your diary:***

### February

12th to 16th      *Half term*  
26th              *National Child Measurement Programme 2024. Yr R & 6*

### March

1st                *Class 1 assembly 9.10am*  
7th                *World Book Day*  
8th                *Class 2 assembly 9.10am*  
11th              *KS1 Performing Arts Festival Y1 and 2 at HCC*  
28th              *End of term*

### April

15th              *Start of term*  
17th, 18th, 19th *Bikeability for Year 5/6*

### 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/>



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



We will be running information sessions,  
on what funding is available,  
eligibility and how to apply.

Childcare  
**Choices**

**Dates throughout February!**

Devon  
County Council 

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (10.00-11.00)

[Click here to join the session](#)

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (19.30-20.30)

[Click here to join the session](#)

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (16.00-17.00)

[Click here to join the session](#)



# HOLSWORTHY '44

"Our Town at War" 26th - 28th July 2024

A commemoration of Holsworthy during WW2 to be held in Stanhope Park and Football Club

## THE MILITARY ENCAMPMENT

There will be a military camp set up in the park consisting of several living history groups and re-enactors. From field hospital to SoE units. From the Free French to British and American troops. Plus, much more.

They will be accompanied by their vehicles and will be living exactly as if they were in action. You will be able to talk to them all and find out about the history of their units and the war time operations they represent. Such as 'Bulbasket' and 'Market Garden' etc. Tracked and halftracks and larger vehicles will be stationed in the football car park.

## BLITZ SHELTER, RADAR ROOM & EVACUATION CENTRE

Sited in the football club will be the fascinating Radar Room, set up as it would have been during the war. A hands-on experience. The Blitz Shelter will be filled with sounds and smells of an air raid. Children can pretend to be evacuees in our evacuee centre, which is designed to be fun, but educational too. A minefield will provide the setting for UXB demonstrations.

### CONTACT US

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*Holsworthy has a rich war history filled with tales of courage, humour and intrigue*



Camp 42 PoW camp overlaid on Stanhope Park (courtesy of Holsworthy Museum)

## BOXING MATCH AND 1940s DANCE

Friday 26th will see a boxing match between Devon and Cornwall to commemorate the Joe Louis fight that took place here. On Saturday evening there will be a 1940's dance in the Memorial Hall. The site of our event was in fact a Prisoner of War camp during WW2. Our history exhibition will cover this and other fascinating local facts.

## OTHER KEY ATTRACTIONS

Military skirmish re-enactments (on Sunday); ENSA stage acts; vintage market and militia market; NAAFI; Donut Dollies; vintage fairground games; firepower demonstrations; hand-to-hand combat demonstrations from the Marines; a pipe and drum parade; a poster competition for the schools, etc ...

## WHO WE ARE

We are a not-for-profit community group who all believe in creating a tableau of living history and education surrounding Holsworthy at war. Sharing the experiences and recollections of its people, via a weekend of military might, social history and a bit of fun too!

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER

Please contact us if you would like to take part in this exciting event. Perhaps as a marshal; re-enactor/living history; educational or admin support.

### FUNDING ENQUIRIES

Phone: 07866 402318

For vendor and participant forms, please request via email /messenger or through the website. Thankyou.



The Holsworthy Home Guard. Photo courtesy of Holsworthy Museum

# Plan ahead



allow for growing

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# A handkerchief in time



## saves nine



and helps to keep the nation fighting fit

## COUGHS and SNEEZES SPREAD DISEASES

ISSUED BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH





# School Support Careers

**FULLY FUNDED  
Online Course**



Education & Skills  
Funding Agency

**Available in  
Levels 1, 2 & 3**

Are you looking for a job that fits in around your family? Gain the necessary qualifications to support you, fully funded by the ESFA (Education Skills Funding Agency).

Levels 1, 2 & 3 for School Support Course with a Guaranteed Job Interview.

- **Our classes are based online - Run only in term time - During school hours to fit in with the school run -**

#### Course Times

- Total of 5 days per week (Mon-Fri) for 6 weeks
- There are 2 lessons per day (9.30am – 11am) & (1pm – 2pm)
- Must have internet access and a laptop or tablet.

- **No prior experience necessary -**

#### Eligibility Criteria

- Must Be Aged 19+
- Must Claim Benefits (Universal Credit, JSA, ESA, PIP, Income Support, Housing Benefits or any type of Tax Credit including Child Tax Credit). If you live in Merseyside, you do not need to claim any benefits.
- You Can't be a student or an International Student
- You Must have lived in the UK for a Minimum of 3 Years (Except if you are from the Ukraine).

**[www.studysmartuk.online](http://www.studysmartuk.online)**



## Holiday Requests

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](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.