



# Ashwater Primary School

Newsletter No.16 Spring Term.

9th February 2022

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Dear Parents,

We were very pleased to have had Mr Pugh from Holsworthy College in school on Monday to do a Quicksticks session with Class 2. This complements the hockey lessons they have been having in PE. We are hoping to be able to participate in outdoor sports events again soon and a Quicksticks tournament is in discussion.

In assembly last week, the children learnt about Chinese New Year and watched a video of Yamie Boakes, a friend of mine who recorded the video for us. In it, she explained how she celebrates and the importance the festival to her. We followed up by comparing similarities and differences between Chinese New Year and festivals from other cultures and faiths. One similarity is the importance of light in the Chinese Lanterns, Christmas lights, Divas and fireworks at Diwali and the Menorah candle at the Jewish Hanukkah.

To celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Ascension of Queen Elizabeth II to the throne, the children wore red, white and blue last Thursday and had a wonderful day learning about the Queen and her coronation. They made crafts including these beautifully decorated plates.



### 'On-line Safety Day' on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February

The internet is part of our lives and offers many benefits to adults and children but it is important for children to know how to be safe on-line. This week, teachers are doing activities with the children to help reinforce the on-going message of being aware of on-line dangers. One of the themes this year is #PlayYourPart in making the internet safer by positing only kind comments, 'Being Respectful' and reporting concerns. Further information for parents can be found in the 'Safeguarding' section of the newsletter.

### Children's Mental Health Week 2022

It is also Children's Mental Health Week and the theme is 'Growth Stories' which links well to our motto of 'Be Resilient' and 'Take Care of Each Other'. We will talk to children at an age-appropriate level, about overcoming challenges by asking for help because in order to 'be resilient', sometimes you need someone to 'take care of you' as well as finding ways to take care of yourself. For more information see: <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers/>



### KS2 Reading Meeting for Parents Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 4:45 pm

**Please note the slightly later than advertised time of 4:45 pm** for the meeting of parents of Years 3 to 6.

Please join us for a virtual meeting to learn about **Reading in Key Stage 2**, what we do in school and how to help your children at home. A zoom link will be shared on Class Dojo, nearer the time.

If you attended the Read, Write Inc. meeting, we would love your feedback by completing this form: <https://forms.gle/Z1KhPyxidT2RAfA19> If you weren't able to attend, please also complete the form to suggest a more suitable time and we will try to repeat the meeting. Thank you to those who have already completed this but we would like as many parents as possible to respond so we can reflect on your feedback.

### Year 6 SATs Meeting for Parents Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 5:00 pm

SATs are due to take place this year after two years without them due to the pandemic. We will be holding a virtual meeting to help you understand the process, what we do in school to support the children and what you can do at home. Zoom details will be shared on Class Dojo nearer the time.

### Staff News

Sadly, Claire Baker, the cook has decided to take a job nearer to home and will be leaving us at half term. Claire's cooking will be greatly missed by the children and staff and her excellent support to parents of children with dietary requirements is second to none. Claire will be missed and we wish her every success in the future.

We are looking for an excellent cook who will match the care given to the children, that we are used to. Our catering services are provided by Devon Norse and they are advertising the position. If you or someone you know has catering experience and would like to work at Halwill School, which is a warm and friendly workplace, with an 'Aim High' ethos, please consider applying. If they would like to speak to me about the role, please contact me via the office.

Andy Moakes, will also sadly be leaving us in his capacity as caretaker / cleaner as he is taking on another role within Devon Norse, although he plans to remain with the Federation in his capacity as Health and Safety Lead. Andy has also been a wonderful caretaker demonstrating the highest 'Aim High attitude. We will be shortly advertising for this role. Again, if you or someone you know may be interested, please do get in touch and I will be happy to speak to them. We are sorry that Andy is moving on but we wish him every success in the future.



**JOB VACANCY**  
at  
**HALWILL PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**KITCHEN MANAGER**

Monday to Friday

9.00am—2.00pm

(Timings can be flexible, 25 hours/week, term time only)

£872.20 /month

(paid 12 months a year)

Duties to include:

Preparing and Cooking school lunches for Children at  
Halwill and Ashwater.

Responsibility for Food Safety, Health and Safety,  
Allergens and COSHH with full company support,  
Paperwork and Staff Training.

Full training given & uniform provided  
DBS check required

For more details, please contact

[Barbara.sherrell@ncsgrp.co.uk](mailto:Barbara.sherrell@ncsgrp.co.uk)

07899658637

(also posted on [www.indeed.co.uk](http://www.indeed.co.uk))

### Wild Tribe

This is the last week of Wild Tribe for Class 2 (there won't be a session next week).

Class 1 (including Pre-School will be doing Wild Tribe on Friday morning after half term. 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 will need to be tied up.

Class 2 will be doing Dance and Music with Miss Squire.

Wishing you all a positive week ahead.

Mrs Ruh Alford

Executive Headteacher



## Safeguarding

Here are some tips to help you and your child #PlayYourPart in keeping safe on-line.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2022/top-tips-for-under-11s>

**ALL FUN AND GAMES ?**  
Exploring respect and relationships online

Safer Internet Day 2022  
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### Conversation starters

Safer Internet Day 2022 is a fantastic opportunity to have a conversation with your child about life online, and especially this year's theme, 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online.' Use the questions below to help start discussions about how we can all use the internet safely, respectfully, responsibly, and positively when gaming and spending time online.

**Start the conversation on a positive note:**

- What do you like most about the internet and why?
- How do you have fun using the internet and technology?
- What's your favourite game, app or website?
- How does going online make you feel?
- How does the internet and technology make your life better?
- Do you most enjoy going online alone, or with other people?

**Talk about relationships and communicating online:**

- Who do you communicate with online? What different methods do you use to communicate online? (E.g. in-game chat, video calls, group chats, etc.)
- What is good about communicating online?
- What can be challenging about communicating online?
- What is different about talking to someone online compared to talking face to face?
- How much can you trust people you only know online?
- What do you and your friends do to keep yourselves safe and happy, when you are chatting and communicating online?

Conversation starters  
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**Talk about respect online:**

- What does respect mean to you? What does it look like online?
- What does disrespect look like online?
- What makes a good friend online?
- What can you do if you fall out with a friend online?
- Do people disagree more online or offline? Why do you think that is?
- What could you do if someone you were talking to online was unkind to you, or made you feel worried, upset, or uncomfortable?

**Talk about looking after yourself and others online:**

- How do you stay safe online? What tips do you have and where did you learn them?
- Do you know where to go for help and where to find the safety tools on your favourite apps and games?
- What could you do if being online is making you feel worse rather than better?
- What could you do if you saw that a friend online needed some help or support?

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## 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

Want to talk to your child about on-line safety? Click here for more information: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

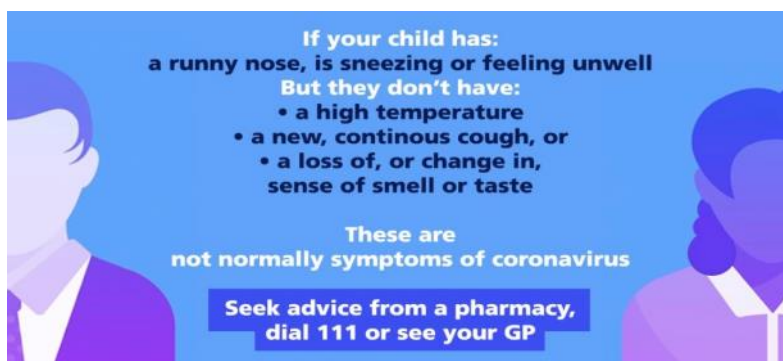


## The Carey Qualities

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 <b>Relationships</b>	For being <b>Resilient</b>	For being <b>Resourceful</b>	For being <b>Reflective</b>	For being <b>Respectful</b>
Ada	Thomas Faith Reggie Alfie		Gabe George	



***Dates for your diary:***

**February**

16th                                      *Reading for KS2 virtual meeting for parents 4.30pm*

**March**

10th & 11th                              *Bikeability Years 5 & 6*

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 term*

**September**

1st                                      *Inset Day*

2nd                                      *Inset Day*

**November**

23rd                                      *Tempest Photography*

**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.

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