



Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Dear Parents,

A huge thank you for donations for the non-uniform day on Friday which will go to the British Red Cross for the Earthquake in Syria & Turkey appeal. We raised **£56.50**

Today, the dental hygienists from Torrington Dental Practice are in the school talking to the children about keeping healthy teeth and gums and how to maintain a good dental routine. They make fun and informative sessions.

Tag Rugby

On Monday Class 2 attended the Tag Rugby festival at Holsworthy College, which was re-arranged due to poor weather in the Autumn. They all had a great time learning new skills.

World Book Day, Thursday 2nd March

To celebrate our love of reading, we are dressing up as a book character and bringing in our favourite books to share with friends.

In the Carey Federation we have chosen to focus on poetry this year, with all classes exploring a poem through the week, before sharing a performance of their poem to the rest of the school on Thursday. Keep an eye on Class Dojo for videos of the classes performance poetry.



Your children will come home with a World Book Day book voucher so they can choose a book to keep. As you know, reading is highly valued in the Carey Federation and we aim for every child to experience a love of reading. Celebrating World Book Day as a nation is one opportunity to promote reading for pleasure. Thank you for your support.

A reminder that all costumes and outfits should be appropriate for school.

Parent Consultations, Tuesday 14th March 1:30 – 6:00 pm



Please contact the office via phone or email to arrange your appointment.

World Maths Day

Wednesday 8th March is World Maths Day and we are planning a day of fun Maths activities in school to inspire and challenge the children.



Easter Service, Wednesday 29th March, 9:15 am



As we have been unable to attend the Church at Christmas for the last 3 years due to circumstances out of our control, we have decided to have an Easter Service at the Church in Ashwater Village. All parents, carers, extended family and the wider community are most welcome to attend.

Please could we ask that all **parents drop children directly to the church at 9:00 am**. We will walk the children back to school afterwards.

Wild Tribe

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

Children's Medical Needs

To ensure we have the correct medical information about your child, please complete this google form https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdyweDUICP8Geji0D7tMtQg5n52uA9-LOLDNZa0-NTsKUmatA/viewform?usp=sf_link. Please advise us of any changes through the year via the school office. If you have any medical paperwork e.g. diagnosis or communication from health care, please submit it to the school office. Please complete a google form for each child. **Please fill in the google form, whether you think we already know about your child's needs or not and even if your child does not have a health need.** Thank you to those who have already completed this.

Industrial Action

The next date in this region where teachers (who are members of the NEU) may take strike action, is Thursday 2 March 2023. I do not anticipate that we will be affected and we plan to remain open as normal.

Wednesday 15 March and Thursday 16 March are the remaining dates that could affect us. I will of course keep you updated if there will be any impact on the school.

Class 2 Assembly

Friday 24th March at 9.15am.

Family Support Fund

I am pleased to announce that we can apply for funding to support families on low incomes to support with food and utility costs. This is through the Household Support Fund.

Families on low incomes can get help with food and utility costs via an extension to the new round of the Household Support Fund, which Early Help are administering locally. The scheme runs until 31st March 2023. Funds are limited so please contact me, via the office, if you would like the school to apply for you.

Through this fund, Early Help is able to provide a grant per family to support with:

- Food
- Supporting for energy and water bills for household purposes
- Essential white goods such as a fridge, freezer or cooker
- Consideration for petrol for essential journeys

The family needs to meet the following criteria:

- You are a family (at least 2 people where at least 1 person is either pre-birth or up to 18 years old)
- You are experiencing financial hardship
- You need financial help to pay utility bills or buy food and essential items linked to food, warmth, and utilities for your family
- Not have received financial assistance from another source for the same reason

Please note:

- Payment will be sent directly to families through BACS (it is essential we have the families bank details)
- There will be no food vouchers available in this scheme
- Only one application for an award per household within this round (HSF3) of the scheme, that will run from 16 November 2022 to 31st March 2023.
- Repeat applications are unlikely to be successful.
- If a family have previously received hardship funding from Early help applications to HSF1 and 2 they will be considered. However, families who have not previously received funding will be prioritised.
- This is not an emergency fund, and due to the huge demand we have experienced previously, please understand that processing these applications can take up to 4 weeks.

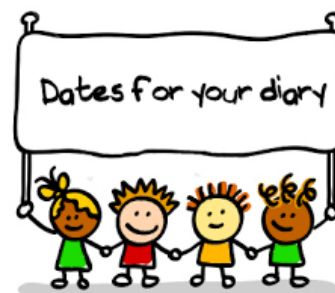
Mrs Ruh Alford

Executive Headteacher

Dates for your diary:

March

2nd	World Book Day
8th	World Maths Day
14th	Parent Consultation 1.30pm—6pm
16th	Visual Screening for Reception 11am
24th	Class 2 Assembly 9.15am
29th	Easter Service 9.15am
31st	End of term



April

17th	Start of summer term
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May

1st	Bank holiday
8th	Bank holiday
29th May to 2nd June	Half term

June

5th	Non-pupil day
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July

4th-6th	Y5/6 London Trip
21st	Last day of term



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

Have you moved house? Changed your mobile number?

No longer have a landline?

Please ensure you keep us informed of all changes to your contact details. This can easily be done by using the SIMS parent app or email the office. Thank you



Safeguarding at Ashwater

The Safeguarding Team

Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs R Alford

Attendance Officer:

Miss S Revers

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs R Cawsey

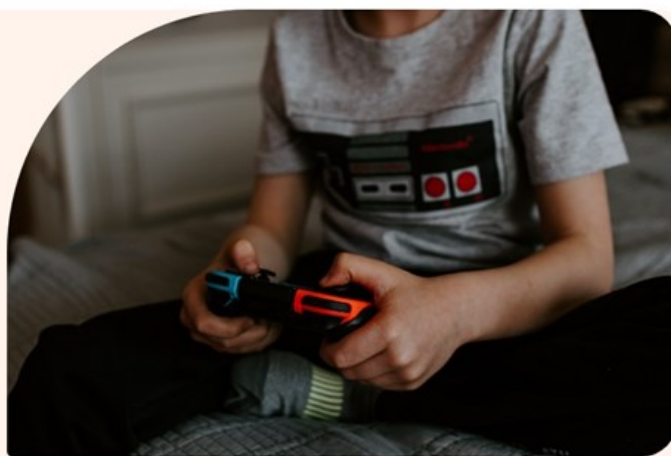
Miss H Frayn

Safeguarding Governor:

Mrs A Clark

Advice for parents and carers

Games consoles



How to start a conversation with your child about gaming safely

Why do you want to get a games console?

Whilst deciding if it is time for your child to have their first games console can be a great opportunity to find out what your child expects to use it for. This could be for playing online, playing with siblings or friends, or for playing by themselves.

*What do you like about your games console? **What is your favourite game?***

If your child already has a games console, you can ask them about their favourite things to play, you can ask them to teach you to play the game and explore the ways to report and block players or content whilst playing together.

Which game do you really want to play?

When talking about games your child wants to play, you can take a moment to discuss age ratings and what different content is available on different games. This can be a good opportunity to discuss your expectations around the games that your child can and can't play.

How do young people your age use their games console?

Learning about the way that young people are using devices and games can give you an insight into why your child may want a new game or console.

How can we as a family help you to manage the time you spend gaming? Can we do anything to help you use the games console more safely?

Finding out how your child wants to be supported whilst online is a great way to open up wider conversations around online safety and the issues young people may face whilst gaming. You can also look at establishing a [family agreement](#) to manage your families time online.

What would you do if something worrying or upsetting happened on your games console?

Tell your child what they should do if something goes wrong while using it. This could be to close the screen, report, block and tell an adult.

Top tips:



Talk with your child about responsible use of their games console

Discuss what is okay and not okay to use it for and look at the possible risks. Tell your child what they should do if something goes wrong while using it. This could be to turn off the screen and tell an adult.



Think about the location of the games console

Will it be in a shared family space or in a bedroom? Think about: setting time limits; reminding your child about the risks of communicating online with people that they do not know; and encouraging them to come to you with any worries.



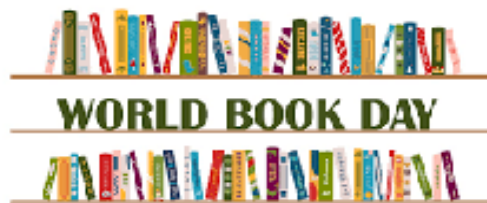
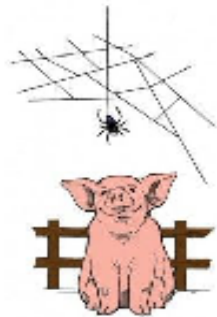
Explore parental controls

Take a look at the controls available both on the games console itself and on your home Wi-Fi. Talk these through with your child too. Parental controls are a helpful tool, but an open conversation with your child is the most important thing.

World Book Day

Special menu on Thursday 2nd March.

Please order on SchoolMoney



World Book Day Menu



Gruffalo Sausages

Or

Hungry Caterpillar Pasta
(Macaroni Cheese)

Served with:

The Witches Sticks
(Potato Wedges)

&

Mr Stink Beans
(Baked Beans)

Or

Jack's Magic Green Beans
(With
Tomato Ketchup)



Charlie's Chocolate Factory
(Chocolate Biscuit & Milk)



Holsworthy Cricket Club



YOUTH ACADEMY

Are you in Year 6 and want to play cricket?

We are looking for players in our Under 11 and Under 13 teams.

Free Taster Sessions

Friday 10th March, Friday 17th March,
Friday 24th March and Friday 31st March

For more information
please call:
Dan Marks

07719 337218

Holsworthy Sports Hall
7pm-8pm



Also come and try our All Stars and Dynamos programmes
on Friday 5th May @ Stanhope Park, Holsworthy



Fridays



Softball Junior Cricket

All Stars Cricket (Aged 5-7) — 4.15pm —til— 5pm —

Register online @ www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars and search for Holsworthy CC

Dynamos Cricket (Aged 8-11) — 5.15pm —til— 6.15pm —

Register online @ www.ecb.co.uk/play/dynamoscricket and search for Holsworthy CC
