



Ashwater Primary School
Newsletter No.2
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Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Dear Parents,

The children have settled back into a shorter week following the unexpected Bank Holiday. The children's rainbow tributes to Her Majesty helped them to think about her passing in a positive way.



Two of our children were able to go and see floral tributes at Buckingham Palace and Evie, Class 2, has written a report which we have included in this newsletter. Well done Evie, it was beautifully and sensitively written.

PTFA

There was a very successful PTFA meeting last week, with lots planned for this year. A huge thanks to all involved for their hard work and commitment. We are fund raising for outdoor adventure play equipment. We hope to hold the **Christmas Extravaganza on Saturday 3rd December**.

PTFA AGM will be held on Monday 17th October at 2.30pm in school. Everyone welcome.

The Christmas Card Workshop is tomorrow, Thursday 22nd September, from 3:30 – 4:30. You will have already received a letter about this. Don't forget to sign your child up via the Google form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfwtJtQYroQQIIsK93ajlv36-qw7M4KUrREL6df4xvvv-h2jA/viewform?usp=sf_link Get our App: edsp.co/app

Cross Country

Year 3, 4, 5, and 6 will be going to Holsworthy College for the Cross Country event on Monday 26th September. You will have already received a letter about this.

Consultation on Extending the Age Range of the School

I am delighted to tell you that the consultation on extending the age range of Ashwater School from 4 – 11 to 2 – 11 is in progress. This means, if successful, our Pre-School will formally become part of the school. There will be no difference to how we run and operate as we are already a Foundation Stage Unit, a requirement in extending the age range.

If we are successful in the consultation, it will secure the future of Ashwater School. I am so pleased to be at this point as when I started in September 2018, there were significant question marks over the future of the Pre-School. Now, County have approved us going to consultation – a situation we could not imagine a few years ago. I thank all our parents, past and present, PTFA, staff and governors for your rallying support. Now all we need is support in the consultation. Please find full details here: <https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/Consultation-Leaflet-Ashwater-Sep-22.pdf>

Safeguarding at Halwill

The Safeguarding Team

Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs R Alford

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs A Rothery

Miss J Miners

Mrs R Cawsey—SENDCo

Attendance Officer:

Miss S Revers

Safeguarding Governor:

Mrs G Marshall

Have a conversation

It is really important to chat with your children on an ongoing basis about staying safe online. Not sure where to begin? These conversation starter suggestions can help.

Ask your children to tell you about the sites they like to visit and what they enjoy doing online.

What games do you and your friends like to play online? Can you show me the websites you visit the most? Shall we play your favourite game online together?

Ask them about how they stay safe online.

What tips do they have for you, and where did they learn them? What is OK and not OK to share?

Ask them if they know where to go for help.

Where can they go to find the safety advice, privacy settings and how to report or block on the services they use?

Think about how you each use the internet.

What more could you do to use the internet together? Are there activities that you could enjoy as a family?

Tuesday	Club: Gardening Club Teacher: Paula Howard	KS1 and KS2	Starts on 20 th Sept Runs for 5 weeks £1 per session
Wednesday	Club: Tag Rugby Teacher: Scott Hayler	KS1 and KS2	Starts on 14 th Sept Runs for 6 weeks £1 per session
Thursday	Club: Art Club Teacher: Emma Sillwood	KS1 and KS2	Starts on 15 th Sept Runs for 6 weeks £1 per session

Dates for your diary:

September

22nd

Christmas Card Making Workshop

26th

KS2 Cross Country Trip to Holsworthy College

October

17th

PTFA AGM 2.30pm in school.

24th

October half term begins

31st-1st Nov

Inset days

November

2nd

Pupils return to school

23rd

Tempest individual Photos

December

3rd

Christmas Extravaganza



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

Trip to Buckingham Palace to pay our respects to the late Queen Elizabeth II

London - 11th September 2022



On Sunday 11th September we went to London to pay our respects to the late Queen Elizabeth II. We traveled to visit our Grandparents the day after the Queen passed away.

Because our Grandparents lived so close to London we caught the train from Guildford to Waterloo London. From there we walked up to Buckingham palace through St James park, then waited 45 minutes in a queue to get to the palace gates.

It was very crowded but the atmosphere was respectful and calm when we got to the gates I was amazed by the amount of

flowers and tributes there were. I made my own tribute which you can see below.



TRIP TO BUCKINGHAM PALACE TO PAY OUR RESPECTS TO THE LATE QUEEN ELIZABETH II

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We very nearly saw the King drive up the Mall but we had already left and started walking back, via Westminster Abbey where the Queen's funeral will take place next Monday.

We could see the union flag on both the Abbey and the Houses of Parliament flying at half mast.

I wouldn't describe the day as enjoyable, but I'm glad that I did it and can say that I took part in this sad but important moment in history.



Evie Sillwood
September 2022

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Bag2School



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

Tash Crocombe

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07800606359

www.bag2school.com

Tuesday September 27th 10am-1pm

Holsworthy Memorial Hall EX22 6DJ

Free food and drink

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everyone

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something
new

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healthy

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safety

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money and
debts

Energy
saving
tips

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your say!

What's
happening
in
Holsworthy?

Join us! Meet local services. Find something for you.
Get advice and support.
Fancy doing something new or want to share your views?
Celebrate the community that is Holsworthy and District!

For more information please contact Billie Burnett of West Devon CVS
07704 155984 Email: volunteering@westdevoncvcs.org.uk



Holsworthy Community College

Small enough to know you, big enough to make a difference

Open Evening

Wednesday 28 September 5-7pm

Open morning on Monday 3 October

Email the school to book a place for that day or other dates

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