## THE CAREY FEDERATION







# Ashwater Primary School

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

#### Dear Parents,

Class 1 have finally finished their igloo for the Antarctica project they were doing in class and it looks amazing. Well done to everyone for helping bring in bottles so the children could build this fantastic igloo, they have had lots of fun playing and building.





We had a busy Parent Consultation yesterday, thank you for coming. I hope you found the meetings useful and informative.

#### Comic Relief Day—Friday 17th March

Friday will be a **non uniform day** in aid of comic relief, donations are welcome. The school council will be arranging some exciting and fun challenges and activities for an extra donation of 10p each.



#### Pre-School hours

We are now delighted to be extending our Pre-School hours after Easter, offering 3 full days:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday and Thursday morning. Please contact the office for booking and more information.

#### Year 6 SATs Club



It was pleasing to see a good number of parents and Y6 pupils at the SATs meeting.

All Year 6 pupils are invited to attend an after school SATs club. This will run on Mondays from 6th March – 24th April, inclusive. We encourage all Year 6 pupils to make the most of this opportunity. Permission letters have been sent home

#### **Breaktime Snack**

Just to remind you, all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will have fruit or vegetable snacks at breaktime, these are free as part of the DfE Fruit for School scheme.

In Years 3-6, children are welcome to bring their own snack, provided it is healthy. Fruit and vegetables are ideal but if children feel they need a carbohydrate snack, something with low salt and low sugar should be sent in. Please remember, we are a 'nut free' school.



#### Tempest Photography Class Photos-Thursday 23rd March



Tempest Photography will be visiting for class photos on Thursday 23rd March 9am. If your child does not attend Pre-School that day but you wish them to attend then please come in with them to have their photos taken.

## <u>Tiny Travels – Easter Around the World, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March Halwill Primary School</u>

Following the success of the Tiny Travels, Black History Month opportunity for Class 1 children in the Autumn, we have decided to invite Tiny Travels back so children of all ages in the Federation can benefit from experiencing the original artefacts from different cultures and will develop their understanding of the world they live in. This time, the focus will be on how the Christian festival of Easter is celebrated around the world, which focuses on the Latin American continent experiences looking at the colourful Christian festivities in this region and other Christian countries in the world. We request a contribution of £3.50 which is payable via School Money. If your child is entitled to Pupil Premium, the cost is covered by the school. Please drop children at Halwill Primary school for 9.15am and pick up and 3.15pm.

#### Holsworthy College Visit—Wednesday 29th March 3pm-4pm

Julie Greener from Holsworthy College will be visiting on 29th March 3pm to chat with the Year 6 children and to meet with parents. Please do come along and ask any questions you may have.

#### Easter Service, Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### Class 2 Assembly Friday 31st March

This date has been changed to **Friday 31st March** at 9.15am.

#### **Industrial Action**

Wednesday 15 March and Thursday 16 March are the remaining dates that could affect us. I do not believe there will be an impact on our school.

#### Maths Workshop for Parents, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 4:30 pm at Halwill School



Our home-learning questionnaire, indicated that a number of parents would like a workshop to support them with the current methods of teaching Maths. We are very aware that if we were not in schools ourselves, we would find the methods completely alien to those we were taught.

Mrs Batstone, our Maths Lead, will be leading this session. Don't worry, there will be no tests! But hopefully you will come away with a clearer understanding of how to support your child. It is suitable for parents of children in any class in the Federation.



#### School Uniform Prices PE only

We have been advised by our supplier that there will be an increase in price on the next order we make, so prices will go up slightly on future orders. However, we have some uniform in stock so this will be sold at the current price and can be ordered this via the shop on SchoolMoney. Once this stock finishes, the new prices will be put in place.

As you are aware, we have been working with the children on internet safety and sharing ideas with you in the newsletter. The internet is so useful but there are potential risks. We are very pleased to have organised a talk for parents from Jon Galling, the Senior Safeguarding Officer for DCC.





# Supporting parents or carers to help their children use the internet safely

"I'm not a Police Officer, and most definitely not a Tech expert. In fact, I'm a bit like you, a parent who wants to make my child's use of the internet as safe as possible" (Jon Galling, Senior Education Safeguarding Officer for Devon County Council and deliverer of this workshop)

The session is designed not to scare or intimidate, but to reflect and review what the dangers of the online or virtual world are and how, as parents and carers we can help our children navigate the challenges they will face.

The session will help those attending to:

- · Understand the risks and some ways in which these can be managed
- Understand the benefits of technology including as support for mental health and wellbeing
- Know where to go to find practical support
- · Consider how to support your child navigate their 'virtual world'

#### Dates for your diary:

March

16th Visual Screening for Reception 11am

17th Comic Relief Non-Uniform day

23rd Tempest Photography—Class photos

24th Tiny Travels Halwill Primary School

27th Y1/2 Performing Arts Holsworthy College 11.45am-2.45pm

29th Easter Service 9.15am

29th Holsworthy College visit Year 6 parents 3-4pm

31st Class 2 Assembly

31st End of term

<u>April</u>

17th Start of summer term

19th Internet safety talk for parents 5pm Halwill Primary School

<u>May</u>

1st Bank holiday

2nd Maths Workshop for parents 4.30pm Halwill Primary School

8th Bank holiday

29th May to 2nd June Half term

<u>June</u>

5th Non-pupil day

<u>July</u>

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: Attendance Officer:

Mrs R Alford Miss S Revers

**Safeguarding Governor:** 

**Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead:** Mrs A Clark

Mrs R Cawsey

Miss H Frayn

Please see this helpful video from the BBC on 'Supporting Children with Social Media Apps':

https://www.bbc.com/ownit/the-basics/children-social-media-support?collection=parents

#### The Carey Qualities

#### Relationships by being Resilient, Resourceful, Reflective and Respectful

Each Thursday 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.



**Every Piece Matters** 

For building	For being	For being	For being	For being
Relationships	Resilient	Resourceful	Reflective	Respectful
	Charlie Veale		Gemma O'Donnell	Charlie Crocombe
			Millie May	Thomas Barrs



# Summerhouse Services



# 'Supporting Brighter Futures'

# Safe Spaces For Young People's Mental Health

We are a small, Plymouth-based, holistic, not-for-profit organisation promoting mental health, resilience and free thinking for children, young people and those adults that inhabit their world. We provide a range of human-centred, outcome-led, orbital and unique training and support services.

We have in person and virtual offers for all services, for which we have a nationwide remit.

While we are only just over a 18 months old as an organisation, the work and unique approach we use has been in the making and continually shaped in response to need for over 20 years in the voluntary sector by Founder and Director Penny.

Our creative, engaging, enjoyable and supportive offers are easy access, friendly and professional and never use power point, even for our virtual training! The focus instead is on lively interaction, enjoy as you learn and participation to own level of comfort.

ALL offers are generic and for EVERYONE and we never target audiences with specific issues, as our services are both preventative and supportive in nature and importantly, NONE of our offers are therapy or counselling, although ALL the spaces we create facilitate climates that are potentially, therapeutic, motivational and healing in nature.

We have had a fantastic reception since starting up in May 2021 and adults that come to our training use words such as 'game changing', 'ground breaking', 'new', 'pioneering', 'straightforward' and 'value for money' and young people generally find us 'helpful' 'validating', 'relaxing', 'interesting' and 'really fun'!

To find out more, please take a look around our website and if you would like a chat about any aspect of what we do or have any queries as to how we may help, please do not hesitate to get in touch....we always like a chat!



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