



Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Dear Parents,

It has been a short but busy Spring Term and it feels as though we have been waiting for Spring to arrive through all of it. A few brighter days this week give us hope for the Easter holidays. I hope you all have a well-earned break. Tomorrow (28.04.24) is the last day of term and we look forward to welcoming children back on Monday 15th April.

Good luck to Jack Kirk and Amelia Beare who will be representing the Federation in a netball match against Hatherleigh Primary School this afternoon.



Rev. Paul Fitzpatrick will be in school tomorrow to lead our Easter Assembly. This is for children and staff. The raffle will be drawn tomorrow so good luck!

Scholastic Book Fair 22nd April—26th April

We are very pleased to be having a Book Fair for the first time since Covid. The Book Fair will be open every day after school. Please do come along with your child and encourage them to choose a book.



Careers Fair



As part of our intent to 'widen children's worlds' we are planning a Careers Fair. Parents, extended family or family friends who do a job the children may be unfamiliar with or not know the details of, are invited to let us know if you would be willing to come in for a morning or afternoon to talk to groups of children about your job. Please let the office know if you would be interested in this.



2 Year Old Funded Hours from April 2024



As you may be aware, funding for 15 nursery hours will be available for eligible families from April 2024. Here is more information <https://www.devon.gov.uk/eycs/for-providers/business-finance-and-funding/early-education-for-2-3-and-4-year-olds/#:~:text=From%20April%202024%2C%20up%20to,under%205s%20of%20working%20parents>.

Please ask Mrs Wilson for an updated pack with Admissions Policy from April and information on how to apply for a place or see the information here on our website <https://www.thecarey federation.co.uk/ashwater-primary-school/community/ashwater-pre-school/>

Please note we are very busy in the Pre-school so you will need to discuss with Mrs Wilson which days and hours you would like and we will do our best to accommodate you.

Schools Exhibition, Burton Gallery, Bideford

The Schools Exhibition is on from **1st March to 7th April 2024** so do try and go along to look at the children's work on display.



Wild Tribe



Class 2 will be doing Wild Tribe after Easter. 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.

Swimming

Swimming starts after the Easter holidays. Please ensure you have completed the google permissions form by Thursday 28th March:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeDyF5MgRRsWcMfOie0W_qj4dtgl8SxK-YH0ifeScdYqil83Q/viewform?usp=sf_link



Protocol for Calling Parents After an Accident or Injury At School - March 2024

We have reviewed our protocol as we were finding staff were making around 10 – 15 phone calls a day and parents were then unsure if a call from school was urgent or not.

In an emergency medical situation, parents will be called as soon as possible and an ambulance will be called.

All head injuries will be followed by a call home and a bump note.

We will not call home for every bump, graze or scrape as this is not practical and could potentially water down any real emergency phone calls in terms of parents responding to calls.

Anything significant where we are concerned it might progress to something that later requires professional medical treatment e.g. possible breakage, will be called home. However, we are not medical professionals and cannot always know how an injury will progress. Our judgement will be based on our best judgement at the time.

Please be assured that all injuries, we are made aware of, are treated, logged in the Accident Book and the class teacher is informed so the child can be monitored through the day.

Clubs

Please see the link for information about after school clubs: <https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/ashwater-primary-school/about-us/before-after-school-clubs/>

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

Remember if you have any issues regarding Safeguarding that you wish to raise, please email: safeguarding@halwill.devon.sch.uk

These will come directly to a safeguarding lead.




MEASLES
It's more than just a rash
Get vaccinated with MMR

The Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccination is the safest and most effective way to protect against these diseases. You need two doses of MMR to be fully protected.

For anyone aged 12 months to 25 years who hasn't had one or both doses, catch-up vaccination is available.

For more information, see www.nidirect.gov.uk/mmr



immunisation
Protect your child. Protect yourself.

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Dates for your diary:

March

- 20th Y6 SATS meeting for parents 3.30pm
28th End of term

April

- 15th Start of term
18th Yr 3/4 Swimming
17th, 18th, 19th Bikeability for Year 5/6
22nd-26th Scholastic Book Fair
25th Yr 3/4 Swimming

May

- 2nd Yr 3/4 Swimming
6th Bank holiday
9th Yr 3/4 Swimming
23rd Yr 5/6 Swimming
27th to 31st Half term

June

- 3rd Non-pupil day
6th Yr 5/6 Swimming
13th Yr 5/6 Swimming
20th Yr 5/6 Swimming
24th Yr 5 & 6 Cricket Festival at HCC
27th YR/1 and 2 Swimming

July

- 4th July YR/1 and 2 Swimming
8th Beach Festival Y3 and 4 at Bude
11th YR/1 and 2 Swimming
18th YR/1 and 2 Swimming
23rd End of term



Term dates: <https://www.thecarey federation.co.uk/halwill-primary-school/parents/term-dates/>

Ashwater School PTFA



Easter Hamper Draw



1st Prize - Easter Food Hamper
and Four Easter Egg
runners up prizes.

The draw will take during
the School Assembly service on
Thursday 28th March 2024

£1.00 per ticket



Promoter: Ashwater PTFA Charity No: 119972
School House, Beaworthy, Devon EX215EW
Registered under the Gambling Act 2005 with Torridge District Council.

Hop on over for our

EASTER

Bingo

Join **CLAWTON YFC** on

Thursday April 4th at

Ashwater Village Hall

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Doors open 7pm

Eyes down 7.30pm

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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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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 militaria 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.

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)



The Holsworthy Home Guard. Photo courtesy of Holsworthy Museum

Plan ahead



allow for growing

IWM

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



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) 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.