



Ashwater Primary School

Newsletter No.24 Spring Term.

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the Summer Term! I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday and managed to make the most of the good weather.

The staff were busy over the holidays, setting up the classrooms for the children's return. Here is Class 1, ready for the children to learn about 'Growing'.



COVID Latest Guidance

The Government guidance changed on 1st April.

- adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature.
- children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.
- adults** with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for **5 days**, which is when they are most infectious. For **children** and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be **3 days**.
- regular asymptomatic testing is no longer recommended in any education or childcare setting, including in SEND, alternative provision and children's social care settings

I appreciate that for some of you may feel uneasy about these changes while others will be pleased about the changes. We will continue to ventilate classrooms while balancing this with a comfortable room temperature and continue to encourage hand hygiene. While we still have LFD kits, staff have been asked to keep testing weekly and we will continue to encourage visitors to wear face coverings.

Swimming Summer Term 2022

Swimming for Year R, 1 and 2 begins this Thursday. If you haven't already completed information about your child's ability and consent to share this with Ruby Oak Park, please do so by the end of the day at the latest. This will save time in assessing your child in the first session <https://forms.gle/r6WGbBDbLnD3miAp9>

The children will be taken to and from Ruby Oak Park Swimming Pool by coach along with Halwill children of the same year groups. This will be on Thursday mornings as follows.

Year Groups	Dates
R/1/2	28/4, 5/5, 12/5, 19/5
3 / 4	26/5, 9/6, 16/6, 23/6
5/6	30/6, 7/7, 14/7, 21/7

A towel and swimming costume should be sent in a swimming bag on the day. Goggles are optional and swimming caps are not required but long hair must be tied up. School fruit snack will be taken for YR/1/2, a healthy, nut-free, snack can also be sent in.

Children will need to be able to change independently so practising this at home and going through routines such as putting items back in their bags can really help. Please ensure everything, including underwear, is labelled.

Holsworthy College Transition Meeting Thursday 12th May

A member of the College staff will visit the Y6 pupils transferring to Holsworthy in September 2022 on Thursday at 2:30 pm.

Parents are invited to come in and meet the staff at 3:30 pm.

Clubs

Clubs information was shared at the end of last term. Here is a link to the information:

<https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/ashwater-primary-school/about-us/before-after-school-clubs/>

Wildtribe

Class 2 will be doing Wildtribe on Friday this half term. They will require waterproofs and wellies to wear over their uniform or if they don't have waterproofs, children should bring in long sleeve tops and trousers (not jeans) and a waterproof coat. Long hair must be tied up. The other class will have Dance and Music on Fridays.

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

Safeguarding

Be Tick Aware!

For further information please see: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/lyme-disease/>



To remove a tick safely:

1. Use fine-tipped tweezers or a tick-removal tool. You can buy these from some pharmacies, vets and pet shops.
2. Grasp the tick as close to the skin as possible.
3. Slowly pull upwards, taking care not to squeeze or crush the tick. Dispose of it when you have removed it.
4. Clean the bite with antiseptic or soap and water.

The Carey Qualities

Relationships by being Resilient, Resourceful, Reflective and Respectful

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 Relationships	For being Resilient	For being Resourceful	For being Reflective	For being Respectful
Bradley	Ada Merlin	Megan	Claire Ben William H Ernie	Thomas

Dates for your diary:

April

28th Swimming YR/Y1/Y2

May

2nd Bank Holiday

5th Swimming YR/Y1/Y2

12th Swimming YR/Y1/Y2

12th HCC transition meeting 2.30-4pm. Parents welcome at 3.30pm

13th Tempest Photography Pre-school and whole school

16th –20th Federation Y5&6 Activities Week

19th Swimming YR/Y1/Y2

25th Class 2 assembly 9.10am

26th Swimming Y3/Y4

30th May—3rd June Half Term

June

9th Swimming Y3/Y4

16th Swimming Y3/Y4

23rd Swimming Y3/Y4

30th Swimming Y5/Y6

July

7th Swimming Y5/Y6

14th Swimming Y5/Y6

21st Swimming Y5/Y6

22nd End of Summer term

September

1st Inset Day

2nd Inset Day

November

23rd Tempest Photography Individual

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



Contacting Ashwater School

The school office (01409 211228) is open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings 8.30—11.30 and Thursday and Friday mornings 8.30—10.30. 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.