



Ashwater Primary School

Newsletter No.25 Spring Term.

4th May 2022

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Dear Parents,

I hope you had an enjoyable extended weekend!

Thank you to Emma Kirk who will be hosting a Bluebell Walk on Sunday 9th May.



In assembly last week, I spoke to the children about Easter and Lent and compared this with Eid and Ramadhan, where fasting or giving up something is a key feature of Ramadhan and Lent respectively. I showed children the dates used to break a fast and will give them the opportunity to taste the dates this Friday. Please let the office know if your child cannot eat dates.

COVID - Remote Learning

A reminder that the Government guidance changed on 1st April.

- 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**.

We have received information from County that their recommendation would be that where operational issues prevent children from attending on-site a remote learning offer should be made by schools (e.g. school closure because lack of staff to open safely).

County would not expect schools to provide remote learning while pupils are off school because they are unwell with Covid/'Flu. However, in agreement with Governors, as a Federation we feel that if children are well and off for the 3 days you can request work to be set and teachers will do so. Please make it clear to the office whether or not you would like work to be set. Please bear in mind that on the first day of absence, teachers may not be able to set work immediately as they will be in class.

Swimming Summer Term 2022

The children enjoyed their first session **but please can all swimmers to arrive in school by 8:45 am as the coach will be leaving promptly.** Delays will shorten the sessions for all children.

Please can children wear swimmers underneath their school uniform, when coming in to school, to make changing easier.

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

Year 6 SATs Week 9th May 2022

Across the country Year 6 children will be taking their statutory SATs tests. This is an important week for the Year 6 children to showcase their personal best and 'Aim High' attitude. We appreciate that children will feel nervous and we will 'Take Care' of the children and try to make it as positive and calm experience as possible.

Please can families of children of any age be aware of this week and remind children for the need to be quiet in communal areas while the SATs take place. I will be overseeing the tests with Miss Frayn. All tests must take place on the same day across the country. Here is the timetable for the week:

Monday 9.05.22	9:00 – 9:45	Grammar and Punctuation (45 mins)
	10:00 – 10:20	Spelling Test
Tuesday 10.5.22	9:00 – 10:00	Reading Test (1 hr)
Wednesday 11.5.22	9:00 – 9:30	Maths Paper 1 (30 mins)
	9:45 – 10:25	Maths Paper 2 (40 mins)
Thursday 12.5.22	9:00 – 9:40	Maths Paper 3 (40 mins)

Please can Y6 children come in to school by 8:30 am to enable a prompt start and give the children time for last minute revision and to keep them calm and relaxed before the tests. The Y6 children will do the tests in the library. Miss Frayn will inform parents if their child is eligible for access arrangements.

It is important that your child attends next week for the tests but obviously if they are unwell or have COVID, they should not be in school (see above in COVID section). Please let us know as soon as possible (via the office NOT Class Dojo) as we will need to request a timetable variation from the Standards and Testing Agency for permission to administer the test on another day.

Here is a reminder of the SATs information shared at the meeting with parents last term:

<https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/Parents-SATs-meeting-presentation.pdf>

Times Tables Test

All Year 4 pupils across the country will be taking the statutory Times Tables test this term. This is the first year that it has become statutory and results will be submitted to the DfE and form part of the pupils' assessment record.

The test is on-line and children will have 25 random times tables questions to answer in 6 seconds per question. Children are working hard on their Times Tables and the positive of this test is it does focus on an area which is fundamental to accessing all areas of maths. Please keep working on Times Tables with your children. Sometimes it can be helpful to work out which individual Times Tables they don't know and really practise these e.g. 6x6, 6x7, 6x8. Tackling 3 at a time can make it less overwhelming than the whole Times Table. For more information on the Times Tables test please see: <https://youtu.be/ct5cDctLVTI>

Morning Club

As a working parent, I understand that a Morning Club facility is invaluable to enable parents to balance their work and family needs. This is why I was so keen to introduce this to Ashwater School and we have found that a number of parents do find it very useful. We are very happy that parents choose to use it on days that suit them, this means some days we don't have any children, which is absolutely fine but it also means **we really need to know well in advance if there are going to be children attending on particular days so we can organise staffing**. As a small school, we all take a turn in staffing the Morning Club and sometimes, if there are last minute bookings, we have to try and arrange staffing in the evenings, which can be a challenge as we all have our own childcare or other family commitments.

Therefore, I am asking that you please **book your Morning Club place on School Money by Friday for the following week**. If you have an **absolutely last minute need, please book by 1.00 pm the day before you need the club**.

I thank you for this, as you will be supporting us to balance our work and family needs as we support you with yours.

Platinum Jubilee Pottery Day Thursday 19th May 2022

I am absolutely delighted that we have secured funding from the Ashwater Parish Council to enable all children (including Pre-School) to design, make and glaze their own Platinum Jubilee Plate with the Tarka Pottery, who will come in to school on Thursday 19th May and then take the plates away to be fired. The plates will be displayed at the Ashwater Village Hall over the Jubilee Weekend of celebrations and then the children will be able to take them home.

We have asked the children what they would like as a Jubilee keepsake and they were excited by this option because it will give them a valuable and memorable experience and they will make something special to treasure forever.

Y5/6 children will be on Activities Week so will make their plates at Halwill School on Wednesday 18th May.

We are very thankful to the Ashwater Parish Council, whose kind donations of £300 will make this possible.

Federation Y5/6 Activities Week

This will take place in the Week 16th May and will include two nights camping on the Halwill School grounds, a day at Ashwater School as well as a trip to Bristol. Full details have already been sent to parents and any updates will be shared directly with parents.

Teachers are in the process of organising trips for other year groups.

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/>

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

We're working with partners to investigate 111 cases of sudden onset liver inflammation (hepatitis) in children aged 10 and under across the UK. Information gathered through our investigations increasingly suggests that this rise in sudden onset hepatitis in children is linked to adenovirus infection. But we are thoroughly investigating other potential causes. Our tech briefing gives more information on our investigation: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1071116/acute-hepatitis-technical-briefing-1_3_.pdf

If your child develops the common mild symptoms of adenovirus infection like mild respiratory symptoms or diarrhoea, the chance of them developing hepatitis is extremely low. However, we're advising parents & guardians to be alert to the signs of hepatitis (incl. jaundice) & to contact a healthcare professional if they are concerned. Routine hygiene practices such as supervising children as they wash their hands and good respiratory hygiene help to reduce the spread of many common infections including adenovirus. If your child is experiencing symptoms of gastrointestinal infection such as vomiting and diarrhoea they should stay at home & not go back to school or nursery until 48 hours after the symptoms have stopped.



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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
Charlie	Charlie Gemma		Millie	Amelia

Dates for your diary:

May

5th	Swimming YR/Y1/Y2
5th	Vision screening YR
9th-12th	Y6 SATS week
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	Platinum Jubilee Pottery Day
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
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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.

Voluntary recall of a selection of Kinder products



We are voluntarily recalling a selection of Kinder products, which have been manufactured in Belgium, as a precautionary measure, in relation to a number of reported cases of salmonella. This now affects the following lines

Kinder Surprise 20g	Best Before Dates up to and including 4th January 2023
Kinder Surprise 100g	Best Before Dates up to and including 21st August 2022.
Kinder Mini eggs 75g	Best Before Dates up to and including 21st August 2022.
Kinder Surprise 20g x 3	Best Before Dates up to and including 4th January 2023.
Kinder Egg Hunt Kit 150g	Best Before Dates up to and including 21st August 2022.
Kinder Schokobons 70g	Best Before Dates up to and including 4th January 2023.
Kinder Schokobons 200g	Best Before Dates up to and including 4th January 2023.
Kinder Schokobons 320g	Best Before Dates up to and including 4th January 2023

What you should do?

If you have bought one of the selected Kinder products as detailed above, do not eat it.

Instead: Contact the Ferrero consumer careline on consumers.uk@ferrero.com or consumers.ireland@ferrero.com to obtain a full refund.

The toys included in these products are not affected

Want more information?

For more information, please contact us on:

0330 053 8943 or consumers.uk@ferrero.com