



Ashwater Primary School

Newsletter No.26 Spring Term.

11th May 2022

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Dear Parents,

We wish all the Year 6 children so much luck for their SATs this week. I have spoken to them about 'Aiming High' to do their personal best; not comparing themselves with others, 'Being Resilient' and how we will 'Take care of them' throughout. It is normal for children to feel a mix of excitement and nerves but if the nerves become overwhelming, we will support the children through this. Children were reminded to have an early night and breakfast in the morning. We also talked through what will happen in the week to help the children feel calm and prepared.

You may not see me much this week as I will be occupied with overseeing SATs at both Halwill and Ashwater so I will be between both schools all week. Unless you need to communicate with me urgently, please be patient and I will follow up any queries after the SATs are over or another member of staff will follow-up with you. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Bluebell Walk

A huge thank you to the Kirk family who opened up their farm for the Bluebell Walk, which was a wonderful afternoon and very well attended by Ashwater School families and the wider community.

Thank you to the Kirks and the PTFA for the organisation and delicious tea and cakes which raised a fantastic £575, which will go towards an outdoor adventure playground, which we are hoping to develop next year.



Plans to Celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Platinum Jubilee Pottery Day Thursday 19th May 2022

Last week, I told you that Tarka Pottery will visit to enable all children to design, make and glaze their own Platinum Jubilee Plate. Year 5 & 6 will make theirs at Halwill on Wednesday 18th. 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 are very thankful to Ashwater Parish Council for their donation of £300 which will make this possible.

Platinum Jubilee Drama Workshop, Thursday 26th May 2022

I am also delighted to tell you that thanks to the PTFA who will donate £225 we have been able to invite Rob Pudner from 'Entertainingly Different' to deliver a Jubilee themed drama session with the children.

Platinum Jubilee Afternoon Tea & Circus Skills for Families & Community, Thursday 26th May 2022 3:30 – 5:00 pm

We invite parents, carers and families from the wider community to join us for tea and cake while Rob Pudner puts on a Circus Skills Workshop to entertain the children.

Please collect children as usual and then join the event. Entry will be free but donations to the PTFA for refreshments will be gratefully received.

Street Party Lunch for Children, Friday 27th May 2022

School lunch of Fish 'n' Chips / vegetarian option and strawberries and ice-cream (or packed-lunch) will be eaten outside, street party style. Children can wear non-uniform in the red, white and blue theme.

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 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.

Diary Dates

Please see the date list at the end of the newsletter for events this term.

Mrs Ruh Alford, Executive Headteacher

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
Harper	Reuben		Reggie	

Swimming change for Class 3 and Class 4

Please note that we have swapped a couple of the swimming dates to allow the year 6 children to attend Okehampton's transition day, whilst not missing out on their swimming session. Therefore, the dates for Class 3 and Class 4 are as follows:

<u>May</u>	
26th	<i>Swimming Y 3 & 4</i>
<u>June</u>	
9th	<i>Swimming Y 3 & 4</i>
16th	<i>Swimming Y 3 & 4</i>
23rd	<i>Swimming Y 5 & 6</i> (New date)
30th	<i>Swimming Y 3 & 4</i> (New date)
<u>July</u>	
7th	<i>Swimming Y 5 & 6</i>
14th	<i>Swimming Y 5 & 6</i>
21st	<i>Swimming Y 5 & 6</i>



Street Party Lunch for Children, Friday 27th May 2022

Please note that when you order a school lunch for this day, the main dessert on schoolmoney will say "chocolate cracknel" - however, the actual dessert will be **strawberries and ice-cream**. Fresh fruit and yoghurt will also be available to order.

Thank you



Safeguarding at Ashwater

The Safeguarding Team

Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs R Alford

Attendance Officer:

Miss S Revers

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs R Cawsey

Miss H Frayne

Safeguarding Governor:

Mrs G Marshall

Practical advice for keeping children safe on farm - <https://www.nfuonline.com/archive?treeid=136105>



Dates for your diary:

May

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
26th	Platinum Jubilee Drama Workshop
26th	Platinum Jubilee Afternoon Tea & Circus Skills for Families & Community
27th	Street Party Lunch for Children
30th May—3rd June	Half Term

June

9th	Swimming Y3/Y4
16th	Swimming Y3/Y4
23rd	Swimming Y5/Y6
30th	Swimming Y3/Y4

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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Special Census day menu

Thursday 19th May 2022

Hot dog & wedges.

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Plus the usual jacket potato options.

Please order through schoolmoney.

For the full school menu please visit

<https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/halwill-primary-school/parents/school-dinner-menus/>

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.