

Ashwater Primary School

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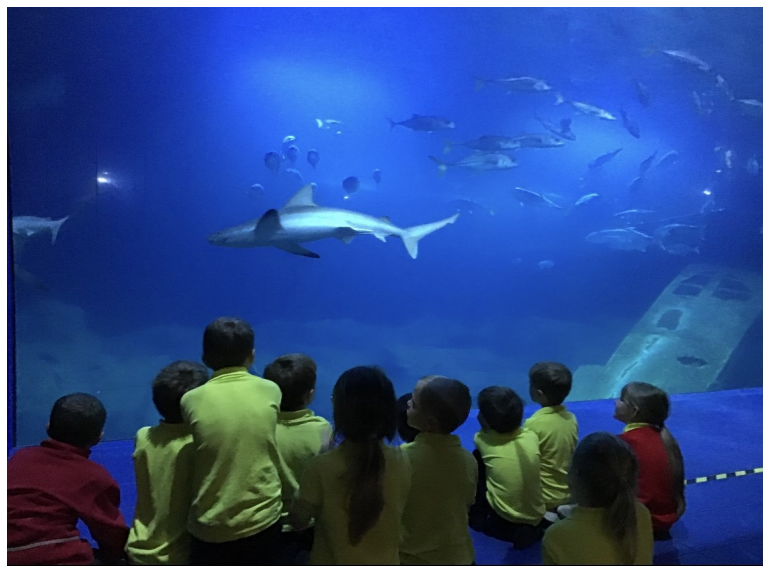
Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Dear Parents,

We are almost at the end of a challenging but wonderful year, which has really ended on a high. It was great to see some of you at the transition meeting.

You should have now all received your child's report. If your child will be absent until the end of term, please arrange collection from the school office. Please do email the office if you have any feedback or questions regarding the report. It was a pleasure to read them all and see the progress children have made even with another lockdown this year. Inevitably, it has had an impact on the attainment for some children but teachers have been working hard to narrow the gap and this will continue in the Autumn term.

We are so pleased to have been able to offer some super experiences to the children in the last few weeks. Year Reception – Year 3 loved meeting 'Marina the Mermaid' at the Plymouth Aquarium and the Pre-School had a great day out and saw some amazing creatures at the Really Wild Centre in Bideford. Years 4, 5 & 6 enjoyed a great day at Roadford Lake.



Yesterday all the children had a brilliant time learning to play the drums and finding out about the culture in Ghana in our African Drumming Workshop. Although, this nearly didn't happen as Martin, the workshop leader, had broken down on the hill near the school. A huge thank you to Merlin's Grandma for saving the day by rescuing Martin and his drums in a borrowed truck! A great example of 'Aiming High', 'Being Resilient' and 'Taking Care of Others'.



Arguably, one of the most special events this term was the Year 6 Leavers' Celebration, which took place on Monday afternoon. It was a great occasion, despite the heat. We were so happy to be able to invite the Year 6 parents to this rite of passage. The children shared heartfelt memories articulately, danced and sang beautifully. We will be sad to see this fantastic group of young people move on but we know they are very ready for it. I will personally miss them very much but know that they will thrive and continue to demonstrate the values of our school motto: 'Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each

Other'. To our Year 6 parents, thank you so much for your support of the school and thank you for letting us be part of moulding your children and their future. Rev. Skinner also came in to deliver an assembly and give the Year 6 children each a Bible.

Autumn Term 2021

We anticipate that if COVID guidance stays as it is currently, in September, we will return to a **soft start drop-off from 8:50 – 9:00 am**. Which means you can drop-off any time between these times but children **must be in by 9:00 am. Pick-up will be at 3:30 pm for or all children**. We will continue to drop-off and pick-up from the side gate, as this has worked well. Face-coverings will be optional.

Children will need to bring in PE kits to change in school; these can remain in school. Uniform will be worn daily. **Class 1 (including Pre-School) will have Wild Tribe on Friday, for the first half of the Autumn Term** and will require water proofs or long sleeves and trousers (not jeans) to change in to.

All of this, is of course, subject to COVID restrictions at the time of return so if there are any changes, I will let you know. Thank you for your support with all the measures this year.

Ashwater PTFA

A huge thank you to the PTFA who raised approximately £500 with their delicious and very smart Afternoon Tea Boxes. They were certainly a real treat in my household.

The beautiful tea towels are still for sale in the Village Shop.

Goodbye to Mrs Gleed

The time has come to say goodbye, after 11 years, to Mrs Gleed. We have really valued all she has done for the children and the school but we recognise that all good things cannot last forever. The children had a special Teddy Bear's Picnic yesterday, which they thoroughly enjoyed. They said farewell to Mrs Gleed in assembly today, which our Chair of Governors, John Lawlor joined. Mrs Gleed was presented with a bowl that each child has decorated.

We wish Mrs Gleed every happiness in the future; she will be missed!

New Website

We are so excited to launch our new website <http://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/> It still has a little content to be added but I am sure you will agree that it gives a real flavour of our school and Federation.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your family well for the summer break and thank you for all your support this year.

Mrs Ruh Alford
Executive Headteacher

The Carey Qualities



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
Megan	Jack George William	Thomas	Millie	

Contacting Ashwater School

The school office (01409 211228) is open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. 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.

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

NO NUTS Please keep our children with severe nut allergies safe. It is imperative that no **Nuts** or **Nut products** are brought into school. Could all parents **PLEASE** be extra vigilant, especially with some cereal bars which contain nuts. Your support is appreciated.



If your child has:
a runny nose, is sneezing or feeling unwell
But they don't have:
• a high temperature
• a new, continuous cough, or
• a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

These are not normally symptoms of coronavirus

Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial 111 or see your GP

If your child has:
• a high temperature
• a new, continuous cough, or
• a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

This could be a sign of coronavirus

Book a test

Dates for your diary:

July

23rd Last Day of Term

September

6th Non-Pupil Day

7th Term Starts

Summer Reading Challenge 2021

WILD WORLD Heroes

Presented by The Reading Agency.
Delivered in partnership with libraries.

Join the Summer Reading Challenge at Holsworthy Library – read six books over the summer and collect stickers along the way and a medal and certificate when you finish! It's completely free to join.

Monday August 16th - Planetary poster and postcard workshop. A free and fun workshop where children can use marbling techniques to create their own poster and postcard. Contact library staff for more information and to book a space.

Thursday 26th August, 11am – Outdoor theatre event for children in Badock Gardens. Tickets £2 each (ticket price subsidised by the Friends of Holsworthy Library). Contact library staff for more information and to book a space.

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