



Ashwater Primary School

Newsletter No.34

Summer Term. 14th July 2022

Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Dear Parents,

Last week ended on an absolute high with the Federation YR, 1 and 2 train trip to Exeter. Firstly, I must commend the children on their exemplary 'Aim High' behaviour from beginning to end. They listened and followed all instructions perfectly, were polite and respectful to each other and all adults. In fact, not only did the museum and train staff comment on their excellent behaviour, we also had members of the public telling us what delightful children they are.

It was a wonderful experience to go on the train and soak up the sights and sounds. Thank you to parents for making arrangements for drop-off and pick-up at the station, which enabled the trip to happen in this way. The children loved seeing the city and comparing to village life, they enjoyed the museum looking at the animals, insects and African artefacts. They particularly enjoyed the Lego exhibition, which he had not known was happening. This was for an additional cost but thanks to the money recently donated by Anglers Paradise, we were able to make the decision to use some of this to pay for the children to go into the Lego exhibition and they absolutely loved it!

Thank you to the staff for all their work with this particularly Mrs Cawsey, who did most of the organising, even though she wasn't able to attend herself. Thank you also to John Lawlor, Chair of Governors and our volunteers Clare Ley and Niall Alford, for helping.





Sports Day

Thank you so much to parents and carers for joining us at Sports day last week. What a fabulous afternoon we had! The weather was perfect and all the children certainly 'aimed high, were resilient and took care of each other'. Parents have commented on how well we catered for all ages; ensuring enough challenge for the older children, whilst being inclusive to the younger ones, so I must say a big thank you to the staff for enabling this and to Mr Hayler and Miss Frayn for their superb organisation. It was a shame that Miss Frayn was unable to attend herself due to having COVID but her planning did not go to waste! Well done to all the children.



Congratulations to
the winning team,
Falcons

Year 6 Leavers Assembly and Open Evening & Summer Concert, 3:30 - 5:00pm, Wednesday 20th July

As Miss Frayn has been off with COVID for over a week, there is not sufficient time to prepare for the planned assembly this Friday. Therefore, we have decided to move the Year 6 Leavers Assembly and incorporate it into the Summer Concert next Wednesday.

The plan for next Wednesday evening is:

3:30 - 4:15 Open Evening - This is an informal opportunity to meet class teachers and look at your child's work from this year. If you have any comments or questions about your child's report you can raise it with the teacher but if you feel you require a meeting, please ask and they will arrange one with you. New Reception children will be able to speak to Mrs Cawsey and find out about the slight differences to Pre-School. If your child is moving up to Class 2 you will be able to see the new classroom and meet Miss Frayn and if your child is moving on to college, you will be able to say goodbye to the staff. Tea / coffee and cake will be served by the PTFA, donations for which will be gratefully received.

4:15 - 5:00 Summer Concert - this will include singing by all children and instrumental pieces by those having lessons with Mr Rogozinsky or Miss Hayes, both of whom will be present to accompany the children. As mentioned earlier, Year 6 will also share their memories as part of the concert.

Non-Statutory Sex Education for Y5/6, Thursday 21st July

This is an important part of Year 5/6 education. Please see a letter from Miss Miners, Head of Teaching and Learning, regarding this:

<https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/Parent-letter.pdf>

For further information about our Relationships and Sex Education Policy and the resources we use, please see our website. <https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/curriculum/relationships-and-sex-education/>

If you have any questions about the session, please contact the office and we will arrange for Miss Frayn to call you and discuss this.

Science Day

Year 5 had their Science day at Holsworthy College and they had a great informative day with other schools, including watching a dissection.

Y6 Transition Days to Holsworthy College, 12th and 13th July 2022

Y6 had their 2 transition days at Holsworthy college in preparation for them starting in September. We wish them all the best and to celebrate their time at Ashwater school they will doing a performance at the Open concert evening.

Free School Meals / Pupil Premium

If your financial situation has changed, your child may be entitled to Pupil Premium. This brings other benefits in addition to Free School Meals. In the Federation, we offer a free set of uniform per year, free before and after school clubs, day trips are free and residentials are heavily subsidised by the Federation. For further information, please see the attached poster for further details.

Summer Activity Days

Please see a poster in the Newsletter with dates/times regarding Summer Activity days with Jessica Squire.

Mrs Ruh Alford
Executive Headteacher

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:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, plus, from 19 April 2022, those with no recourse to public funds (subject to specified income and capital thresholds)
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get) at the time of your application. If your income goes above the threshold in the future, but you remain on Universal Credit, your child will remain eligible. If you applied before 1 April 2018 there was no household income threshold for Universal Credit claimants.

Children who receive any of the above benefits in their own right (i.e. they get benefits payments directly, instead of through a parent or guardian) can also get free school meals.

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.

Uniform

Please use SchoolMoney to purchase NEW uniform before the end of term.

Second-hand uniform sale

There will be a second hand uniform sale after sports day on Thursday 14th July. If you have any items you would like to donate, please drop them off at the office.

Mrs Ruh Alford

Executive Headteacher

Safeguarding at Halwill

The Safeguarding Team

Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs R Alford

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs A Rothery

Miss J Miners

Mrs R Cawsey—SENDCo

Attendance Officer:

Miss S Revers

Safeguarding Governor:

Mrs G Marshall

I am pleased to tell you that this term we will be participating in the **NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* online** programme. This consists of an online assembly and supporting classroom based activities. *Speak out.* It aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse in a child friendly way. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a trusted adult or Childline.

In the online assembly, the *Speak out. Stay safe.* messages are delivered in a fun and interactive way with the help of their mascot Buddy as well as special guest appearances from Ant and Dec.

We have studied the content of the materials and are extremely confident that they are appropriate for primary-school-aged children. By the end of the programme, we're convinced children will feel empowered – knowing how they can speak out and stay safe.

If you would like to know more about the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme you can find information on the NSPCC website www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout or I would be happy to discuss any questions that you may have.

Additional resources

Adapted assembly for home use

The NSPCC has also developed an adapted version of their assembly for parents/carers to use at home with their children. This can be found here: www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/safety. With the help of celebrities, the film focuses on how a child can get support if they have any worries or concerns.

To complement the assembly, there are some resources that can be used to enable further discussion whilst doing activities with your children. These are hosted on the NSPCC website www.nspcc.org.uk/activities.

Online safety hub

You may also like to visit the NSPCC [Online Safety Hub](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/online-safety) where you will find advice and information on a range of different online safety topics including gaming, social media, sharing nudes, parental controls and more.

You will also find online safety information for families of children with additional needs and disabilities. We have worked with Ambitious about Autism and parents and carers who have children with additional needs and disabilities to create activities to help talk about online safety which you can find at www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-families-children-with-send.

Childline Under 12's Website

Childline also have a website with age appropriate advice for primary school children on topics such as bullying. It also has games and other interactive tools. Your child can visit it at www.childline.org.uk/kids.

If you'd like to know more about the NSPCC's work, or take a look at the wide range of information and advice which is available for parents and carers, please visit their website www.nspcc.org.uk/parents.

Talking PANTS with your children

Talk PANTS is a simple conversation to help keep your child safe from sexual abuse. From P through to S, each letter of PANTS provides a simple but valuable rule that can help keep your child safe. You can find out more and download the free resources at www.nspcc.org.uk/pants.

Penguin and Ladybird have partnered with the NSPCC to create a brand new Pantosaurus book aimed at children ages 4 - 8. **You can find copies of the new book on sale, either in Matalan's selected stores and online, selected SPAR stores or at <https://shop.nspcc.org.uk/>.** All profits from the sale of this book will support the NSPCC.

Support the NSPCC

You may be interested in the NSPCC's new selection of BUDDY goodies available from the NSPCC shop at <https://shop.nspcc.org.uk/collections/buddy> which make perfect gifts for children - and all profits go to help keep children safe.

Frozen Friday

Each Friday, PTFA will be selling Ice Cream and Lollies by the front of school. All proceeds go towards fundraising for school.



Dates for your diary:

July

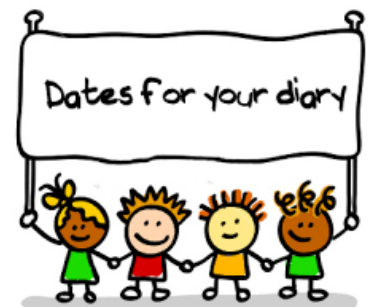
14th	Swimming Y 5 & 6
20th	Ashwater open evening and summer concert and Y6 Leavers Assembly 3.30-5pm
21st	Swimming Y 5 & 6
22nd	End of summer term

September

1st	Inset day
2nd	Inset day
5th	Pupils return to school

November

23rd	Tempest Photography Individual
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The

BIG

KIDS  SUMMER
TAKEOVER! EXETER
LIBRARY

Saturday
27th August
10am - 4pm

FREE
EVENT!



KIDS IN LIBRARIES

T-SHIRTS

Face painting

Exeter Science Centre

Didi-cars

Carnival games

POPCORN MACHINE

ANIMAL HQ

Libraries
Unlimited

EXPERIMENTS

Fab Lab Exeter

Bouncy Castle

Crafts

SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITY DAYS

BOOK A PLACE NOW - FIRST COME FIRST SERVED - LIMITED SPACES - FUN THEMED DAYS

Summer Holiday Performing Arts Activity Days:

Location: **Hatherleigh Primary School, EX20 3JB**

Times: 9:00am - 3:00pm

Run by *Jessica Squire Dance* for ALL primary school aged children

- Themed performing arts days filled with dance, drama, arts & crafts.
- Expect dance routines, dance & drama games, art & craft activities.
- PLUS: mini show to parents/carers @ 2:45pm each day.



Dates & themes: feel free to wear outfits (inc fancy dress) that fit the theme too!

Thursday 18/8: **DISNEY DAY!** A day filled with your top Disney characters and songs!

Friday 19/8: **DINOSAUR DAY!** Roarrrrr! It's time to dance like dinosaurs!

Monday 22/8: **PIXAR PARTY!** From movies like Cars, Planes, and all your Pixar favourites!

Friday 26/8: **SUMMER FUN!** Fun activities, games & dances perfect for celebrating summer!

BOOKING DEADLINE 22.7.22! YOU **MUST** PRE-BOOK A SPACE - days fill quickly so BOOK NOW!

* You may be able to book past the deadline but Jessica is getting married in July and will then be on honeymoon so doesn't want to be taking bookings.

COST: £25 if you book one date or **discount:** £20 per day if you book more than one day/child

ADVANCED BOOKING ESSENTIAL: Book your child's place NOW! Contact Jessica Squire

Email: jessicasquire.perform@gmail.com or text/call 07746892660 for more information