



## *Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other*

Dear Parents,

Welcome to bumper edition of the newsletter as we have lots of exciting opportunities for the children to share with you.

I was so impressed with the super 'Aim High' and "Be Resilient" attitude of all the children who attended the cross country event at Holsworthy College last Monday. I have also had reports from staff and parents that all the children cheered each other on and supported each other demonstrating their wonderful 'Be Respectful' and 'Take Care of Each Other' approach.

I would also like to thank Miss Frayn and all the staff who took the children. Almost 70 children were taken across the Federation and almost 20 from Ashwater. I am so pleased that we have been able to be so inclusive, though I must commend Miss Frayn and Mrs Wilson who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to secure the coaches to enable the children to attend. They are in the process of organising the next cross country event at Torrington on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October and information will be shared about this shortly. This one is more competitive so it is likely that there will be a restriction on numbers.

### Dogs Trust Workshops

The children had an informative and fun workshop on Monday. Please see a poster later in the newsletter. The lady leading the session is a former headteacher and she commented that the children asked excellent and thoughtful questions.

### Exeter Cathedral Outreach Chorister Programme for Year 5 & 6

I am delighted that Mrs Cawsey has enabled us to be part of the Exeter Cathedral "Chorister Outreach Programme".

This begins with three visits to the school from Andrew Downton, Singing Development Leader. These began last Friday 30th September and the next two sessions will be, Friday 14th October and Tuesday 8th November.

The concert performance will take place at **Exeter Cathedral on the afternoon of Saturday 12th November 2022.** Parents will need to take children to and from the concert and warmly invited to watch the concert.

Timings for the day are:

- 1.30-2.00pm: Arrive to allocated space (Please ensure that children have had lunch and been to the toilet before they arrive)
- 2.15pm: Rehearsals begin with opportunities to rehearse schools' individual items as well as massed songs.
- 4.00pm: Short break (Children may wish to bring some refreshments)
- 4.25pm: All performers into "offstage" position
- 4.30pm: Concert
- 5.20pm-5.40pm: Concert finishes and schools leave

Nearer the time, we will send a link to a Google form for you to confirm if your child is participating. Children will need to wear full school uniform.

### Appledore Book Festival Author Visit

Author/Illustrator, Joseph Witchall will visited the children today. Joseph is one of the authors attending the Appledore Book Festival. Joseph led an excellent session and showed the children his illustrations and explained how the illustration can help you think about its character. He worked with the children and used their ideas to create these two super characters.



### Tiny Travels – Black History Month Activity for Pre- school and Reception

On the morning of Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 10:15 – 10:45, Tiny Travels activities will be taking place in in the Halwill Parish Hall as part of Black History Month. Pre-school children don't usually come in on Tuesdays but if you are able to take your child to Halwill Parish Hall, they will be able to take part. Likewise, we request Reception parents to take their children to this activity. Please speak to Mrs Cawsey if you would like your child to attend. If you can take advantage of this fantastic experience it will be a great opportunity for them.

Tiny Travels mission is to help children in Devon, a county where cultural diversity is minimal, learn about different countries and cultures through fun, hands-on experiences. There will be an African area to help children learn about the vibrant and diverse cultures of the African continent.

### Y5/6 Girls Football Tournament Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October

We are pleased to be able to take the girls to this tournament. You should have already received a letter about this.

### Class 2 Clive Pig Visit Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October

Clive Pig will deliver a storytelling workshop to help consolidate children's knowledge and understanding of their Mayan history topic. This will take place at Halwill School. You should have already received a letter about this.

### Harvest Festival Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October, 9:15 am

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PTFA Light Party 20<sup>th</sup> October 5:00 pm

The PTFA will be organising a Light Party for the children. Please see the attached poster for further details.

#### Staff News

I am pleased to tell you that Ella Dannan has been appointed on a fixed term appointment to help support plug the gaps in learning as a result of COVID. will work across the Federation and will be part-time at Ashwater. Ella has a Level 3 qualification in Early Years and has experience in Scallywags Pre-School. We welcome Ella to the team.

Parent - Teacher Consultation Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 1:30 – 5:45 pm

This is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and discuss their academic and pastoral development and needs. We plan to return to live meetings but if any parent would prefer a virtual meeting, this will also be offered.

Nearer the time, you will be able to book your 10 minute slot, via the office.

## Safeguarding across the Federation

### 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

<https://www.learnwithdogstrust.org.uk/safety/bedogsmart-parentsleaflet.pdf>





## Dates for your diary:

### October

10th	Y5/Y6 Federation Girls Football Tournament Holsworthy College 12.45-2.30pm
12th	Clive Pig Ashwater Class 2 at Halwill
14th	Torrington Cross Country Top Runners 8am-12pm
17th	PTFA AGM at school 2pm
18th	Flu Immunisations
20th	Harvest Assembly 9-9.30am
20th	Ashwater Light Party 5-7pm
24th	October half term begins
29th	<b>Ashwater Big Breakfast 9-11am (note the change of date)</b>
31st-1st Nov	Inset days

### November

2nd	Pupils return to school
12th	Exeter Cathedral Outreach Programme
16th	Parent Consultations 1.30-5.30pm
30th	Ashwater Craft Party and Light Switch on 3.30-5.30pm

### December

8th	Ashwater Christmas Production 5.30pm
15th	Ashwater Church Service 2pm

### January

26th	Bag2School
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### The Carey Qualities

#### Relationships by being **Resilient, Resourceful, Reflective** and **Respectful**

Each Thursday 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 <b>Relationships</b>	For being <b>Resilient</b>	For being <b>Resourceful</b>	For being <b>Reflective</b>	For being <b>Respectful</b>
Emily	Evie Ben Faith		Harley	Jack

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



# KID'S LIGHT PARTY

GLOW STICKS

HOT DOGS  
CUPCAKES

CRAFTS

FACE PAINT

AT ASHWATER PRIMARY SCHOOL

THURSDAY 20TH OCTOBER

5PM TO 7PM

£3.00 ENTRY

PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN WELCOME

ASHWATER

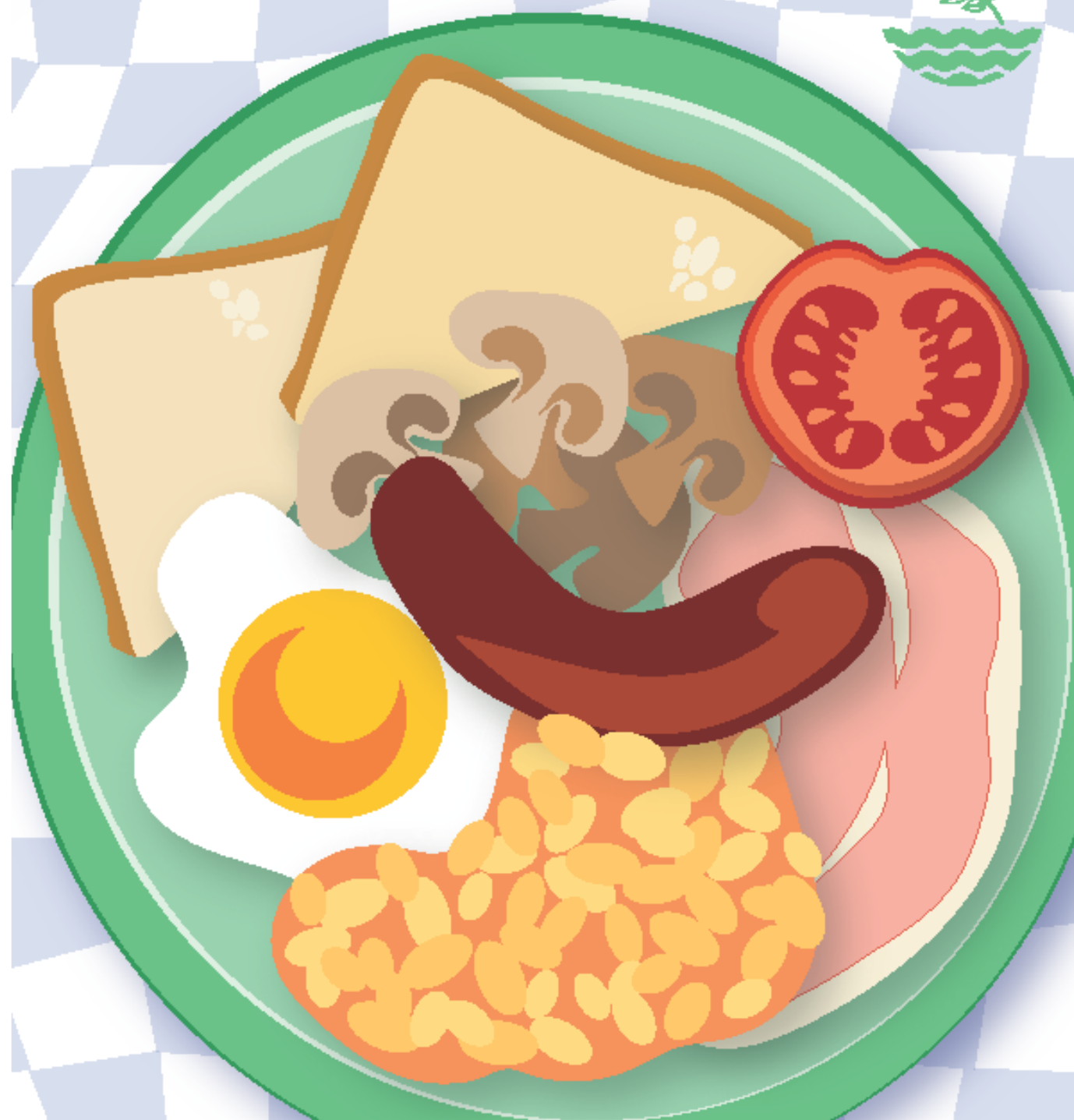


# THE BIG BREAKFAST RETURNS

SATURDAY 29TH OCTOBER 9.30 - 11.30

ASHWATER PARISH HALL

£10 ADULT / £5 CHILD



ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE ASHWATER SCHOOL PLAY EQUIPMENT

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Our next **Bag2School** collection  
has been arranged for

Thursday 26th January 2023, Ashwater School

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at ..... 9 am ..... am / pm

Any questions - please ask your  
school collection organiser

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