



Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Dear Parents

Good luck to all the runners selected for the Stephen Shields Great Torrington cross country on Friday. This is a highly competitive event and we wish them all the best.

Spectators are welcome to come and watch in the designated areas. Parking spaces at the rugby club can fill quickly as this is a large event so please allow time for parking as it may be further down the road.



YR3 – 10.00 (Boys and Girls to start line) – Distance = 1.5K approx.

YR4 – 10.20 (Boys and Girls to start line) – Distance = 1.5K approx.

YR5 – 10.40 (Boys and Girls to start line) – Distance = 2.2K approx.

YR6 – 11.00 (Boys and Girls to start line) – Distance = 2.2K approx.

Black History Month

We have been learning about black history both in assembly and in class. Some children have been incorporating their school topics with black history, including WW1 and WW2, learning about the impact that black people had in both wars and the black heroes of WW1 and WW2.



Ashwater PTFA

There will be an Ashwater PTFA AGM on Friday 3rd November at 9:00 am. All welcome

Illness

It is important children are in school if they are well enough to be, however, we do also have guidance to follow to avoid spreading of diseases to other children and staff. Therefore, please note the following:

Latest Government Guidance of COVID

What happens if a staff member or my child tests positive for COVID-19?

For children and young people aged 18 and under who test positive for COVID-19, the advice is to try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for three days. This is because children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults.

Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result are advised to try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for five days, which is when they are most infectious.

NHS Advice on Diarrhoea and Vomiting

Stay off school or work until you've not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours). If you also have a high temperature or do not feel well enough to do your normal activities, try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until you feel better.

Harvest Assembly

We look forward to welcoming parents and carers to our Harvest Assembly on Friday 20th October at 9:15 am Ashwater



Year 6 Parents - Apply for Your Child's Secondary School Place

New Secondary School

Applications for your child to start in year 7 at secondary school in September 2024 opened on 1 September 2023 and close on 31 October 2023. You need to apply even if you already have a child at college.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place/>



School lunches

We have a lovely new menu which starts after half term. This can be viewed on our website along with all the allergen information.

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

Over half term this will be uploaded to SchoolMoney and you will be able to order lunches in time for the children return to school on Tuesday 31st October. A text will go out when everything is live.



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
Pollyanna Harley	Faith		Gabe George Harry C	

Safeguarding at Ashwater

The Safeguarding Team

Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs R Alford

Attendance Officer:

Miss S Revers

Safeguarding Governor:

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs R Cawsey

Miss H Frayn

Mrs A Clark

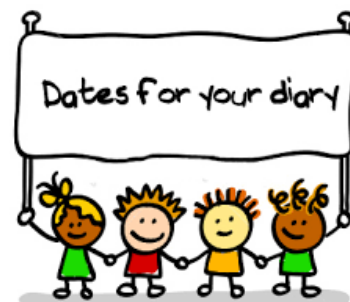
**Please remember to order your
School lunches via
Schoolmoney by
Friday of each week.**



Dates for your diary:

October

- 13th *Torrington Cross Country*
- 16th *Yr 5 & 6 girls football tournament at HCC*
- 17th *Flu immunisations years R to 6*
- 18th *Vision screening Yr R*
- 20th *Harvest Assembly 9.10am*
- 23rd to 27th *Half term*
- 30th *Non-pupil day*
- 31st *Deadline to apply for your year 6's secondary school place.*



November

- 3rd *PTFA AGM 9am*
- 3rd *Home Learning Projects to be submitted*
- 6th *KS1 Multi Skills Y1 and 2 at HCC*
- 9th *Tempest Photos—individuals and families*
- 20th *Yr 3 & 4 Tag Rugby Festival at HCC*
- 10th *Parents viewing of Home Learning projects 9am*

December

- 13th *Christmas Lunch*
- 15th *End of term*

January

- 2nd *Non-pupil day*
- 3rd *Start of term*

February

- 12th to 16th *Half term*

March

- 11th *KS1 Performing Arts Festival Y1 and 2 at HCC*

June

- 24th *Yr 5 & 6 Cricket Festival at HCC*

July

- 8th *Beach Festival Y3 and 4 at Bude*

Term dates: <https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/halwill-primary-school/parents/term-dates/>

Please see the following message which we have been asked to share with you by Devon County Council:

We believe that in order for a pupil to fully benefit from their education, good attendance is crucial. As of September 2013, an amendment to the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006 came in to force and greater clarity was introduced to the issue of schools authorising absence requests. These changes reinforced the Government's view that every minute of every school day is vital and that pupils should only be granted authorised absences by the school in 'exceptional circumstances'.

A family holiday is not normally considered by the Government to be an 'exceptional circumstance' and therefore will not be authorised by the school.

Should you choose to take your child out of school without the authorisation of the school, then Parental Responsibility Measures could be instigated. This could mean receiving any of the following;

- A Penalty Notice*
- A summons to the Magistrate Court which could result in a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a term of imprisonment for up to 3 months.*

Schools are required to notify the Local Authority if a pupil has a number of unauthorised absences. Unauthorised absences can be acquired when;

- 1) Leave has been requested, but the circumstances are such that the school is unable to authorise the leave and it is taken anyway.*
- 2) Leave is not requested and/or the school has grounds to believe that the child has been taken out of school for an avoidable reason (example – a family holiday). Only the Head teacher can authorise an absence. This year there have been occasions when schools have been notified that the pupil is sick, but the school later discovers and reasonably believes that the reason given for the absence is not genuine.*
- 3) A child continually arrives late after the registration period has closed.*

Schools need to notify the Local Authority in all of the circumstances listed above.

Should a Penalty Notice be issued as a result of unauthorised absence then one notice will be issued to each parent/carer for each child involved. Currently, each Penalty Notice is for £120, which is reduced to £60 if paid within the first 21 days. If a Penalty Notice goes unpaid after 28 days, then court proceedings will be initiated.

We understand the disappointment that the refusal of a leave request may cause, but as you can appreciate this policy represents the school's responsibility and commitment towards providing your child's education and supporting their future life opportunities.

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:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).
- Income Support (IS).
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA).
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA).
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income that does not exceed £16,190).

Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment you get for a further 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).

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.

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Sunday 5th November: Northam Burrows

Sunday 26th November: Coxleigh Barton, Shirwell

Sunday 14th January: Westward Ho!

Sunday 4th February: Northam Burrows

Sunday 3rd March: West Buckland School

**FULL DETAILS AND TO ENTER ON LINE GO TO:
www.northdevonxcleague.weebly.com**



2023-24 LEAGUE PROGRAMME

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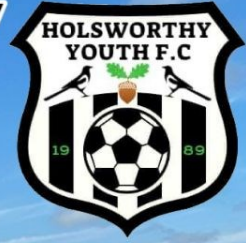
Monday 6th November
Ashwater Primary School
at 9am am / pm

Any questions - please ask your school collection organiser	Tash Crocombe ... ashwaterptfa@aol.com
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(Term Time only)

£1.00 per child towards
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