

# Ashwater Primary School



## Newsletter No.5 Autumn Term

Dear Parents / Carers

What a few days of weather it has been! I hope you have all stayed safe. Thank you for your patience and understanding with the school closure last Thursday and Friday, due to the snow and ice. We always aim to keep the school open, but we also have to balance the safety of staff and children travelling to school. I hope children managed to enjoy the snow.



### **Parent Consultation, Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November, 1.30-6pm**

This is a really important opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their progress. Please contact the office to book your 10 minutes appointment. We can offer these in person or virtually.

### **Staff News**

From next week, Miss Ella Dannan, will be moving across to Halwill and will be replaced by Mrs Thelma Austin, who currently works at Halwill. Mrs Austin has early years and primary experience and has worked with Mrs Gee at a previous setting. I am sure the children will really enjoy working with Mrs Austin. Miss Dannan has been a fantastic teaching assistant and although we will miss her, she is still in the Federation so they will have opportunities to work with her again.

### **Children In Need:**

It was great to see the children in non-uniform, enjoying the games the School Council organized. Thank you for your kind donations, we raised £41.20

## Upcoming Events

### **November 27**

Parent Consultation

1.30pm – 6pm

### **November 30**

Community Litter Pick

Meet at village hall car park

2pm – 4pm

### **December 6**

Ashwater Christmas Fair

3.30pm – 4.30pm

### **December 18**

Church Service

9.15am and 5pm

### **December 19**

End of term

January 6

Start of term

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# Other news

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## **PTFA Christmas Fair, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 3.30 – 4.30pm**

The PTFA are organising a Christmas fair for Ashwater School & Pre-school children. Parents / carers, please accompany children to the fair. There will be a variety of craft and fun activities for the children to enjoy.

## **Church Services, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 9.15 & 5.00pm**

The Church service will have a much greater importance and will be led by Class 2 (Year 3, 4, 5 & 6), There will be far more opportunities for Class 2 to deliver readings and talk to the congregation. Class 1 (Pre-school, Reception, Year 1 & 2) will perform their nativity within the church. Therefore, we will not perform a separate Christmas play.

We will now have two church services, which we warmly welcome parents, carers and the wider Ashwater Community to attend. We appreciate that the 5:00 pm service will be too much for the Pre-school children, so they are not expected to attend this.

## **Applying for a Primary School Place – Reception 2025**

If your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 they are due to start primary school in September 2025. Applications for starting primary school in September 2025 open on **15 November 2024** and close on **15 January 2025**. The date that all allocations of school places are announced in England is known as 'Offer day'. For September 2025 primary school starters this will be on 16 April 2025. For more information:

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

## **Every Day is Open Day:**

We love you to show prospective parents the school in action on a regular day. Please contact the office to book your personalised tour.

*Mrs Ruh Alford, Executive Headteacher*

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## Useful Links

### School Contact Details

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Email:

[admin@ashwater.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ashwater.devon.sch.uk)

Website:

[Halwill Primary School – Halwill and Ashwater Primary Schools](#)

**Safeguarding:** If you have any concerns about a child, please speak to one of the safeguarding team or email [safeguarding@halwill.devon.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@halwill.devon.sch.uk)

### Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Ruh Alford

### Deputy Safeguarding Leads

Mrs Catherine Gee

Miss Hayley Frayn

Mrs Rosie Cawsey

### Safeguarding Governor

Mrs Alison Clark

### Attendance Officer

Mrs Ceren Brooker

**We will be talking to children about how to keep safe on the roads when there is no pavement.**

Keep to the right-hand side of the road so you can see oncoming traffic.

Keep close to the side of the road and be prepared to walk in single file.

If you come across a sharp right-hand bend it may be safer to cross to the left-hand side of the road and cross back after the bend.

Wear reflective clothes in the dark

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The Carey Qualities



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

Each week children are awarded certificates in our Celebration Assembly for making a significant effort to develop one of our Carey Qualities. 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>
George B	Etta Paige Gemma Ben	Charlie V		



**AMAZING  
VALUE  
OPEN FOR  
EVERYONE**

**Each bag costs £5 and has a minimum value of £15**

**Holsworthy Food Hub is open every Friday 1pm – 2pm  
at**

**Holsworthy Methodist Church Hall, Bodmin Street,  
from 1-2pm on Fridays**

- Buy £15\* worth of food for £5, aimed at people who are on a low income or struggling financially, to help them stretch their budgets. You might have a big bill come in and just want to use the hub for a short time. There is just a simple form to complete and no referral needed. Friendly help is on offer from a lovely team of kind volunteers.
- Choose your items from a wide selection like in a normal shop/supermarket
- You can pop in and out quickly to do your shop or stay for a cup of coffee. Free refreshments, friendly market / cafe atmosphere
- Children are welcome but we can't have dogs - sorry.
- If there are 4 or more people in your household, you can buy two bags.

Please email: [holsworthyfoodhub@gmail.com](mailto:holsworthyfoodhub@gmail.com) if you have any questions.  
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[holsworthyfoodhub@gmail.com](mailto:holsworthyfoodhub@gmail.com)

*Please come and visit us – we would love to see you !*