



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

Dear Parents,

We have almost reached the end of a very busy half term; in which we have been so pleased to have offered children such a variety of enriching experiences. The children have thoroughly enjoyed and benefited from these. Some recent opportunities include taking part in the Torrington Cross Country event last Friday. It was a very competitive competition and the children were a real credit. All children completed the challenging course with over 100 entrants taking part! All runners were very resilient on the day.



On Tuesday, Pre-school and Reception children went to the Tiny Travels Black History Month Activity at Halwill Parish Hall. It was a lovely experience for the children as well as for the parents who joined. There were lots of original artefacts to help the children learn about the vibrant and diverse cultures of the African continent.



## Exeter Cathedral Outreach Chorister Programme for Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

**Year 3 and 4 parents, the invitation from Exeter Cathedral has been extended to include all of Class 2.** All Year 3 and 4 children have already been learning the songs so I really hope you will be able to bring them to the Cathedral on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November**. Apologies for the late invitation and any inconvenience this may cause.

Here are the arrangements for the Exeter Cathedral "Chorister Outreach Programme".

This begins with three visits to the school from Andrew Downton, Singing Development Leader. Two have already happened and the final is on 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 are 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.

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



It has been 'Apple Day' today! Thank you to those who contributed apples. The children will tell you all about what they have done and learned in our Harvest Festival tomorrow. We will be collecting non-perishable foods and toiletries for the Holsworthy Food Bank.



### 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. We will ask that every child is accompanied by a parent/carer.

### PTFA Ashwater Big Breakfast 29th October 9.30-11.30am

Please see the poster for more details.

### PTFA Halloween Trail 31<sup>st</sup> October

Please see the poster for more details.

### Parent - Teacher Consultation Wednesday 16th<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. These will be 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.

### Christmas Dates



3rd	Christmas Extravaganza
8th	Ashwater Christmas Production 2.30pm and 5.30pm
14th	Christmas Lunch
15th	Ashwater Church Service 2pm



## Consultation on Extending the Age Range of the School

I am delighted to tell you that the consultation on extending the age range of Ashwater School from 4 – 11 to 2 – 11 is in progress. This means, if successful, our Pre-School will formally become part of the school, anticipated by January 2023. There will be no difference to how we run and operate as we are already a Foundation Stage Unit, a requirement in extending the age range. In fact, we had a visit last week from Liz Carroll, an Early Years Consultant from County. She hasn't been to Ashwater since the Pre-school was running in the hall. She was incredibly impressed with the current provision.

If we are successful in the consultation, it will secure the future of Ashwater School. I am so pleased to be at this point as when I started in September 2018, there were significant question marks over the future of the Pre-School. Now, County have approved us going to consultation – a situation we could not imagine a few years ago. I thank all our parents, past and present, PTFA, staff and governors for your rallying support.

Now all we need is support in the consultation. Please find full details here: <https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/Consultation-Leaflet-Ashwater-Sep-22.pdf>

## Holiday Requests

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.*

## Wild Tribe

Class 2 will have Wild Tribe on Friday mornings after half-term. They will require waterproofs to wear over school clothes and wellington boots. If they don't have waterproofs then some other long clothing to cover arms and legs (not jeans) should be sent in. Long hair should be tied up.

## Clubs

A link will go out later this week with information regarding After School Clubs next term.

A reminder that the first day back after half term for the children is Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.



# Safeguarding at Ashwater

## The Safeguarding Team

### Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs R Alford

### Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Miss H Frayn

Mrs R Cawsey—SENDCo

### Attendance Officer:

Miss S Revers

### Safeguarding Governor:

Mrs G Marshall

## Safeguarding

### Keeping Safe at Halloween

- Switch to Battery Powered Tea Lights
- Remember the fire risks of fancy dress
- Be seen whilst walking around



For more information, please click here: <https://www.dsfire.gov.uk/news/safety-during-halloween>

Mrs R. Alford

Executive Headteacher

## Scomis Online Safety Newsletter

Welcome to the October 2022 Scomis Online Safety Newsletter for Parents/Carers

New to the Scomis Online Safety Newsletter? Childline's Advice for Staying Safe Online

Welcome to the Scomis Online Safety Newsletter for parents/carers. The aim of our half-termly newsletter is to signpost parents and carers to websites which will provide:

- Online safety advice and guidance for parents and carers
- Raise awareness of current Online Safety issues
- Information on how/where to get help

Remember to talk to your child about Online Safety

**Be aware of key issues! How?**

Visit the following websites to find out:

Internet Matters – [Advice by Age](#) includes video, tips on how to start a conversation and much more.

How can you protect your child?

Children use the internet in different ways depending on their age. [Internet Matters](#) has developed checklists for parents/carers that provide top tips on how to help them stay safe. Help children understand the dangers of sharing personal information, the best ways to balance screen time and more with the age-specific guides available [here](#)

Parentzone – [Guides for parents](#) includes social media, parental controls for Netflix, Peer pressure, PEGI Ratings, Disney+ and much more. Explore the Parentzone library [here](#) and find out about:

- Amazon Prime
- Animal Crossing
- Cryptocurrency
- Clash of Clans
- and much, much more!

CommonSense Media – [Age based media reviews](#) for families, including Games, Apps, Films and TV, books. Reviews for what your kids are into (before they get into it) Trusted ratings created with families in mind. Including:

- [4 Conversations to Have with Older Kids and Teens](#)
- [About Their Screen Time Habits](#)
- [What is Online Harassment?](#)

Keeping up to date with Media Sites, Apps and Games

Would you like to:

- Keep up to date with the latest sites, apps and games?
- Find out how to keep your child safe when playing online games?
- Access resources for children with [SEND](#)?

Visit [NSPCC's Chat App](#) site to find out more about Social media and Chat Apps including:

- TikTok
- Instagram
- WhatsApp
- Telegram

Find out more [here](#)

There are a number of things you can do to keep yourself safe online:

- Think before you post
- Don't share personal details
- Watch out for phishing and scams
- Think about who you are talking to
- Keep your device secure
- Never give out your password

Read how to keep you and your children safe online [here](#)

Find out more about:

- [Keeping your device secure](#)
- [Strong passwords](#)
- [Grooming](#)

Access and view a range of easy to watch videos on all sorts of things including

- Getting help [here](#)

Have you heard of Squid Games?

**Recommended Age 15 PEGI Rating**

Commonsense Media's review: 16+ Parents need to know that the level of violence is very intense in Squid Games from Netflix.

Characters are systematically tortured and killed for the sadistic pleasure of a game master. Women are grabbed by the hair and beaten.

Find out more and read parent reviews at: Commonsense Media [here](#)

**PEGI Ratings**

PEGI (Pan European Game Information) ratings is a popular gaming rating system used mostly in Europe and Asia.

PEGI ratings are quite easy to understand. They use a clear number to show from which age the game is suitable for. Find out more [here](#)

**Need Help?**

Worried about something a child or young person may have experienced online, you can contact the NSPCC helpline for free support and advice. Call NSPCC on 0800 800 5000

Remember! Children can contact [Childline](#) any time to get support themselves: 0800 1111

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Your ICT Partner

## *Dates for your diary:*

### October

- 20th *Harvest Assembly 9-9.30am*  
20th *Ashwater Light Party (children must be accompanied by and adult) 5-7pm*  
24th *October half term begins*  
29th ***Ashwater Big Breakfast 9-11am (note the change of date)***  
31st *PTFA Halloween Trail—see poster*  
31st-1st Nov *Inset days*

### November

- 2nd *Pupils return to school*  
8th *Exeter Cathedral Outreach*  
12th *Y3/4/5/6 Exeter Cathedral Music Concert*  
14th *November Deadline for Home Learning Projects to be submitted*  
16th *Parent Consultations 1.30-5.45pm*  
23rd *Tempest Individual and Family photos*  
25th *November Display of Home Learning Projects for Parents / Carers to view 9:10 am*  
30th *Ashwater Craft Party and Light Switch on 3.30-5.30pm*

### December

- 3rd *Christmas Extravaganza*  
8th *Ashwater Christmas Production 2.30pm and 5.30pm*  
14th *Christmas Lunch*  
15th *Ashwater Church Service 2pm*

### January

- 26th *Bag2School*





**CATERING ASSISTANT  
JOB VACANCY  
at**

**ASHWATER and HALWILL PRIMARY SCHOOL's  
12.50 hours per week  
£421.46 per month, term time only.  
(paid 12 months a year)**

**We are looking for a Friendly person to collect lunches  
from Halwill Primary School, deliver them to Ashwater  
and serve the children, clear up at Ashwater then return  
the Boxes to Halwill**

**You will be a big part of the school team yet supported  
by the larger catering company that is Southwest Norse.  
Food preparation, keeping the kitchen clean and  
following all guidelines to adhere to Food Safety and  
H&S are all requirements for this position along with  
supporting the Kitchen manager.**

**Full training given & uniform provided  
DBS check required**

**For more details, please complete the  
application form (posted on [www.indeed.co.uk](http://www.indeed.co.uk)) or contact  
[jane.shreeve@norsegroup.co.uk](mailto:jane.shreeve@norsegroup.co.uk)  
tel – 07909688441**



A photograph of a woman and a young child sitting on a wooden floor, looking at a book together. The woman is on the left, wearing a white knitted sweater, and the child is on the right, wearing a dark blue sweater. They are both looking down at a book that is open on the floor. The background is a wooden wall.

# Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle  
with your child's  
bedtime?

Will your child  
not sleep in  
their own bed?

WE CAN HELP

 **03303 530 541**

Sunday - Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm  
Wednesday 9am - 11am



# 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



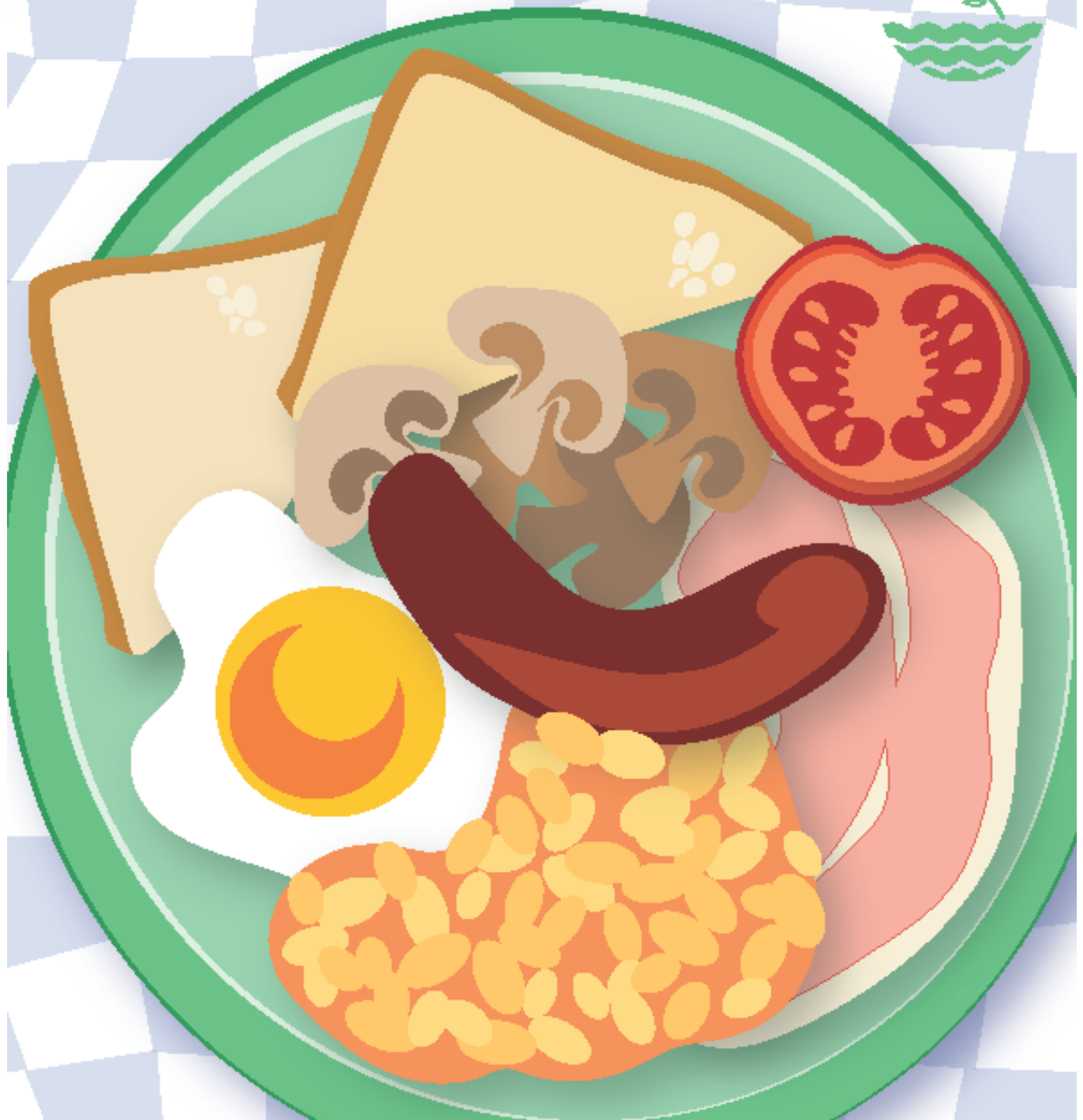


# THE BIG BREAKFAST RETURNS

SATURDAY 29TH OCTOBER 9.30 - 11.30

ASHWATER PARISH HALL

£10 ADULT / £5 CHILD



ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE ASHWATER SCHOOL PLAY EQUIPMENT



# HALLOWEEN TREASURE HUNT



MONDAY 31ST OCTOBER  
15.00 - 16.30

£2 PER CHILD



STARTING AT ASHWATER PARISH HALL





The  
Landmark  
Trust



## Open House | Winsford Cottage Hospital

**Halwill Junction, Devon**

**Friday 11 – Monday 14 November 2022**

**10am – 4pm**

**Free admission but book in advance**

Join us for festive crafts from local businesses including card making, needle felting and more on Saturday and Sunday. We'll also have musical interludes from Holsworthy Town Band on Saturday.



**Giving history a future**

**Further details: [www.landmarktrust.org.uk](http://www.landmarktrust.org.uk)**

Scan to book tickets





## What's On

### Burton at Bideford Art Gallery & Museum



#### LEGO® Lab

We'll be joined by Nick Clark from LEGO® Sense for fun, hands on learning and exploration using LEGO®.  
**October 28 drop-in session**  
**10am-3pm**  
**FREE - donations welcome**



#### Where are the Witches

The Burton has been invaded by witches! Children and parents are invited to enter the museum to help us work out how many there are. Pop your entry in the cauldron for the chance to win a special, scary prize...  
**Running throughout the October half term, grab an activity sheet from the front desk.**  
**FREE to participate**



#### Arts Lab

Family-friendly, ecologically-minded activities. Drop-in anytime on October 25 for Halloween-inspired shadow puppets and other scary arty activities.  
**October 25, drop-in session**  
**10am-3pm**  
**FREE - donations welcome**

The Burton Art Gallery will also have two exhibitions on display throughout half term and Bideford Museum, all of which are **FREE ENTRY**.

**Opening Hours: Mon-Sat 10am-4pm & Sun 11am-4pm**

[www.theburton.org](http://www.theburton.org) | [Twitter](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#)



BURTON  
AT BIDEFORD



## FORM 1 (YEAR 7) TASTER DAY FRIDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2022

All boys and girls in Year 6 are invited to join in with our Year 7 (Form 1) Group Taster Day on Friday 11th November.

This is an exciting opportunity to spend a day at Shebbear College, discover what it's like to go to school here and meet other pupils who are thinking about joining our Senior School.

You will get involved in a wide range of engaging lessons and take part in fun activities, as well as enjoying our delicious lunch and snacks during the day!

#### Find Out More and Register Here

Or contact our Registrar, Emily, on [admissions@shebbearcollege.co.uk](mailto:admissions@shebbearcollege.co.uk) or 01409 282009

We look forward to meeting you!

# Bag2School



[www.bag2school.com](http://www.bag2school.com)



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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