



Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Dear Parents,

I hope you and your child had a good half term. It was great to see many of you at the Harvest Festival before the break. The children spoke and sang beautifully. Well done to all of them. Thank you also for the generous donations to the Food Bank.

The PTFA Light Party was a huge success and thoroughly enjoyed by all the children. A huge thanks to all the parents who were involved in helping in any way.



The PTFA have really been very busy because they also organised a Big Breakfast over the half term which raised **£470**. The Halloween Trail also organised by the PTFA was very enjoyable for the children. We are truly thankful that we have such an active and committed PTFA. Thanks to everyone involved.

Sadly the Mutiskills event for Key Stage 1 was postponed by Holsworthy College. We will send out information about another event when we have it.

On Friday we are holding a special **Remembrance** assembly for the children. We have poppies to sell so children can bring in a donation, if they would like to buy one.



Staff News

Sadly, Lucy Webster is moving on to a new role. Lucy has served the children lunches at Ashwater for **8** years. She has been a wonderful member of the team and will be greatly missed by the children. I would like to thank Lucy for her excellent 'Aim High' attitude in all she does. I am pleased though that we will continue to work with Lucy in her capacity as Cleaner.

Clare Brimacombe has been appointed by Devon Norse as Lucy's replacement. We look forward to welcoming her to the team.

Separately, we have a vacancy for a Meal Time Assistant at Halwill. Please see the advert and job description on our website: <https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/halwill-primary-school/about-us/job-vacancies/>

Exeter Cathedral Outreach Chorister Programme for Class 2

We are very excited about the opportunity for children to be part of the concert performance which will take place at **Exeter Cathedral this 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



We really hope as many children as possible will attend. It really is such an exciting and special opportunity that not many schools have been invited to be part of. We thank you for your time in taking the children and appreciate it is on a Saturday at a busy time of year but I am sure the children will greatly benefit from the opportunity and that it will be enjoyable for you too. School staff will be there to oversee the children so thank you to them for their time too. **Children will need to wear full school uniform.**

A letter went home yesterday, please return it by tomorrow so we can have a clear idea of numbers.

Recorder Lessons for Class 2



We have an exciting opportunity for Ruth Hayes, to teach Class 2 the recorder. Ruth is a specialist woodwind teacher and this will form part of the children's music curriculum. Ruth will teach Class 2 this half term and then will be back again later in the year to follow up further. Lessons will be on Wednesdays.

For hygiene reasons we request parents to purchase a recorder for their child. For ease, we have ordered the recorders and will add £2.30 to SchoolMoney for you to purchase the recorders. We will cover the cost for children entitled to Pupil Premium.

Deadline for Home-Learning Projects, Monday 14th November

Children should all be coming to the end of completing their Home-Learning Project. A reminder that this is part of their home-learning under the new policy. We really look forward to receiving the projects. These should be submitted in a physical format (not via Dojo). If you have difficulty printing, please let your teacher know and they will help with this.

All parents are invited to come and see a display of the projects in the class rooms on Friday 25th November at 9:10 am. Your child will be able to spend some time with you looking at the projects. We really hope you will be able to join as we have missed having parents in school over the last few years.

Parent Consultation 1:30– 5:45 pm, Wednesday 16th November

This is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and discuss their academic and pastoral development and needs. A short report will be sent home the day before to support your conversation. **You can now call or email the school office to book your appointment.** These will be live meetings, however, if you would prefer a virtual meeting, please let the office know and this will be arranged.

Christmas Gift Shopping for Children and Christmas Tree Light Switch On Wednesday 30th November

From **3:30 – 4:30** children will be able to stay in school to do some Christmas shopping!

We ask you to donate any unwanted gifts that are unopened and in a good, giftable condition by Monday 28th November.

If children bring in £2.00 they will be able to buy and wrap a gift for a parent. This will be a lovely surprise for you on Christmas Day! The money goes towards the PTFA who are raising money for an adventure playground.

At **4:45 pm** you are invited to come and watch the Christmas Tree Light switch-on.

Wild Tribe and PE

Class 2 will have Wild Tribe on Friday mornings this 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. Class 1 will have Dance on Fridays.

Both classes have PE on Wednesdays.

Clubs

Clubs commence this week. Please see information on our website: <https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/ashwater-primary-school/about-us/before-after-school-clubs/>

Art Club this half term:

- 10th Origami paper star hangers
- 17th Polymer clay decorations - impression printing
- 24th Pine-cone gnomes
- 1st Polymer clay decorations / jewellery / keyrings
- **Sat 3rd Christmas Extravaganza** - The Children can sell the decorations they have made to fundraise for the play equipment - Volunteers needed!
- 8th Homemade wrapping paper - finish portraits / frame and wrap up as a gift.

Christmas Dates

30th November	Christmas Gift Shopping for Children and Christmas Tree Light Switch On	3.30-4.30 4.45pm
3rd December	PTFA Christmas Extravaganza	2-5pm
8th December	Ashwater Christmas Production	5.30-6.30pm
14th December	Christmas Lunch	Lunchtime
15th December	Ashwater Church Service	2-3pm



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—SENDCo

Mrs G Marshall

Miss H Frayn

If your child has an accident outside of school or receives medical treatment for an illness or injury, please tell us. It is a really important so that we are aware and can support their wellbeing.

Dates for your diary:

November

12th	Exeter Cathedral Outreach Programme
14th	Deadline for Home-Learning Projects
16th	Parent Consultations 1.30-5.30pm
25th	Home-Learning - parents invited to see displays 9.10am
30th	Christmas Gift Shopping for Children and Christmas Tree Light Switch On 3.30-4.30pm then 4.45pm

December

3rd	PTFA Christams Extravaganza 2pm -5pm (please see poster for details)
8th	Ashwater Christmas Production 5.30pm
14th	Christmas Lunch
15th	Ashwater Church Service 2pm

January

26th	Bag2School
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Remembrance Day Service

The Remembrance Day Service will be held on Ashwater Village Green on Sunday, November 13th, at 10.45am.

The service will be led by Terry Darby and will be followed by a service in church.
A collection will be taken on the Village Green for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal



Join the community of Ashwater School
for a magical afternoon at our

Christmas Extravaganza

Saturday 3rd December

14.00 - 17.00

Free Entry

with all donations very welcome!
Please accompany children



Food & Drink



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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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