

Ashwater Primary School

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

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new half term and I hope you had a good holiday. Although only in for 3 days last week it was an actioned packed week!

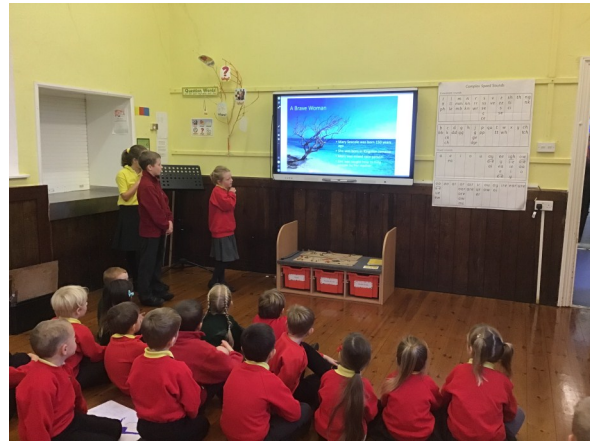
Ashwater Class 2 joined Halwill Class 3 and had a fabulous day of story telling and drama with Clive Pig, international story teller and author. The focus was Ancient Egypt and an excellent way to help the children consolidate their learning while having fun.



We were in absolute awe of the children who researched, created and presented fantastic projects on their Black History Heroes. A huge thank you to parents for supporting children with these. The children were able to explain why they had chosen their hero and there were certainly some people that I had never heard of. As they say, you learn something new every day but even more profoundly, it demonstrates what one of the children said in assembly, 'We celebrate Black History Month because the stories of black people haven't always been told.'

We are putting together a video of all the projects to share with the children in school, on Class Dojo and on the website and Facebook page.





Friday was Bonfire night and teachers reminded children about firework safety. It was also the Hindu festival of Diwali on Thursday. Hindus also use fireworks as part of their celebrations. The children were lucky to be joined via Zoom by a Dipali Patel. Dipali is Hindu lady who lives in London. She shared with the children about the festival and how she celebrates with her family.



Yesterday Year 1 and 2 attended a multi-skills event at Holsworthy College and had a super time.

This week teachers will be talking to their classes about COP26 and climate change issues.

#### Parent Governor Vacancy

We have two vacancies for parent governors on our Federation Governing Body and would like to have one parent from each school. To find out more about the role and how to put yourself forward for nomination please see this link to our website.

<https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/meet-the-governors/>

#### Parent Consultation Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 1:30 – 6:00 pm (via Zoom)

Teachers are looking forward to meeting with you today. If you haven't already, please book appointments by calling or emailing the office this morning. You should have received a short report yesterday to support your meeting.

To make transitions between meetings smooth, teachers have created one class Zoom invite and have uploaded this to Class Dojo. This means that it is really important that you join just before your meeting is due to start. Teachers will keep you in the 'Waiting Room' until the previous parent has left the meeting. At the end of your meeting, please leave promptly so teachers can allow the next parent to join. Teachers will try very hard to keep to time but if there is a delay or any technical hitch, please bear with them.

Please make sure you use your name / child's name on your Zoom account so teachers know who you are. Teachers won't be able to let you in otherwise.

If you would prefer a phone call or can't attend, please let us know and we can arrange an alternative time. For Pre-school parents, Mrs Cawsey will invite you in for a live meeting as most of the learning is visual and it will give you a better understanding of your child's development.

#### Remembrance – Local Heroes

Remembrance is a very important time and we will be holding an assembly for the children in school on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November which includes observing the silence at 11:00 am, which Rev. Stephen Skinner will be attending. Our focus for Remembrance this year is Local Heroes.

We would like children to find out about their Local Hero and share in assembly. This could be geographically local people who came from this area of Devon or people local to the children e.g. family members who were involved in the World Wars or served in the armed forces since then. It might be someone who has contributed in other ways e.g. helping with humanitarian aid or farmers in WWII who stayed here to feed the nation.

Children can bring in artefacts such as medals or photos. If they would like to write something or draw pictures, they are welcome to. In the assembly, if they are comfortable to, they will have the opportunity to share about their Local Hero.



### Ruth Hayes - Woodwind Instrumental Peripatetic Teacher

Before half term, Ruth Hayes led an inspirational assembly with the children and they were mesmerised by her beautiful playing. Miss Hayes is offering music tuition in Clarinet, Flute, Saxophone and Violin to children **in Year 3 and above**. A form with information about pricing and how to book lessons can be found here: <https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/halwill-primary-school/parents/school-forms/>

We appreciate that you may not want to buy an instrument at this point so you can hire an instrument from the Devon Music Service by completing the form below. Hire is £30 per term but if your child is eligible for Pupil Premium, this will be £10 per term. Sibling discounts are also available.

Lessons will either be on Tuesday or Wednesday mornings. Places are limited so please get in touch directly with Miss Hayes to book your child's lesson.

<https://surveys.babcockinternational.com/s/Individual-Hire-Form/>

### Wild Tribe

It is now Class 2's turn to do Wild Tribe on Fridays. Please send in wellies, waterproofs to wear over uniform (**or** a change of long sleeves and trousers – not jeans, if you don't have waterproofs) and a waterproof coat. Long hair must be tied up.

Class 1 will have music and dance with Miss Squire on Tuesdays. Other PE sessions will continue as before.

### Clubs

Information about clubs is available on our website:

<https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/ashwater-primary-school/about-us/before-after-school-clubs/>

**For this week only, the after school club will be today (Tuesday) and not Wednesday.** Apologies for any inconvenience this will cause.

### Inhalers

A reminder that if your child has an inhaler, you need to complete a medicines form. Please ask your GP for a second inhaler which will be kept by the class teacher.

### PTFA Christmas Extravaganza , Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2021

We are very excited to have the Christmas Extravaganza again! This year the children will be able to see the Clovelly Donkeys as well as take part in craft activities, go on a treasure hunt and meet Father Christmas. There will be fun for the grown-ups too! A huge thanks to the PTFA for all their hard work in preparing for this fantastic event.

Mrs Ruh Alford  
Executive Headteacher



Ashwater  
School PTFA

# Christmas Extravaganza

- Come & meet the donkeys  
from Clovelly donkeys
- Meet Father Christmas
- Kids craft activities
- Treasure hunt
- Craft Stalls
- Soup, rolls & mince pies

  
**11th  
DECEMBER**  
**11AM-2PM**  
At Ashwater School



*Dates for your diary:*

**November**

22nd Flu Immunisations

**December**

1st Christmas Light 'Switch On' 4.30pm

6th Christmas Show Evening 5.00pm

8th Christmas Show Morning 9.15am

12th Christmas Fayre 11am - 2pm

15th Christmas Lunch

17th Christmas Church Service 9.15am at the Church

17th End of Term

**January**

5th Children return to school

**Contacting Ashwater School**

The school office (01409 211228) is open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. If you urgently need to contact a member of staff when the office is closed please either call the Classroom direct line or contact Halwill school on 01409 221476.

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

**NO NUTS** Please keep our children with severe nut allergies safe. It is imperative that no **Nuts** or **Nut products** are brought into school. Could all parents **PLEASE** be extra vigilant, especially with some cereal bars which contain nuts.

Your support is appreciated.



If your child has:  
a runny nose, is sneezing or feeling unwell  
But they don't have:  
• a high temperature  
• a new, continuous cough, or  
• a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

These are not normally symptoms of coronavirus

Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial 111 or see your GP

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• a high temperature  
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• a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

This could be a sign of coronavirus

Book a test