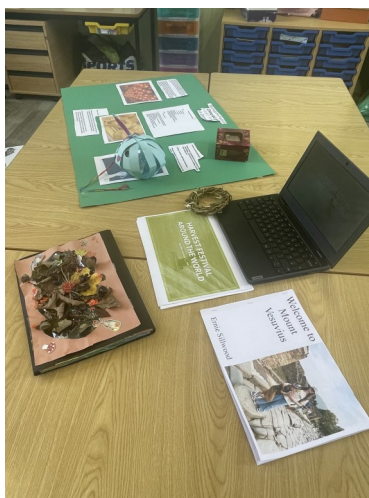
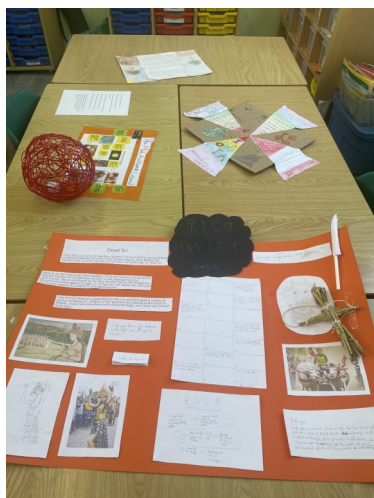




## Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Dear Parents,

It was lovely to welcome parents in to the classrooms to see the children's home-learning projects and work on display.





Children were very respectful during the special Remembrance Assembly last week. Thank you to Miss Frayn for leading this.

### Children in Need Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November

For a donation of £1, children can wear something spotty and spectacular (non uniform).



### Visit from Sir Geoffrey Cox, MP Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November



Our local MP will be visiting us as and the children will have the opportunity to ask him questions about politics or issues close to their hearts. It will be a good opportunity to impress on him the strengths and challenges of small rural schools.

### Apply for Your Child's Primary School Place

Do you or someone you know, have a child born between the 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020? If you do, they are due to start primary school in September 2024. You will be able to apply for their school place from today, the 15th November 2023. Please be aware that the Local Authority is no longer sending any letters out to families inviting them to apply. You can pre-register your details so that you receive an email and/or a text message when the system goes live for applications on the 15th of November. Please visit the web pages below for further information about the process - <https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-primary-school-place/>

You can register to receive a reminder by completing this form

<https://forms.office.com/e/ksWfDUXZKx><https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place/>

**Every day is Open Day!!** We don't have an open day for prospective parents because we prefer to offer individual tours to families so you can see us as we are on an ordinary day. Please contact the office if you would like to arrange a visit.

### Parent Consultation Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 1.30pm – 6pm.

This is your opportunity to meet your child's class teacher for a 10-minute appointment to discuss their academic and social progress this term. We are offering these as live sessions in school or if you would prefer on-line. Please book your appointment via the school office. You can either call, email or drop into the office to make the appointment. If you are unable to make the date offered, please let us know and teachers will arrange to see you at another time.



A short report will also be shared with you. It is not a requirement for schools to provide anything written if there is a face to face parent consultation but we feel that sharing where your child is currently attaining aids the discussion in the meeting.



## Christmas Dates



<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	12:30 – 2:30 pm Ashwater Christmas Extravaganza
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Production 9:15 am
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Production 5:00 pm
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Lunch
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	9:15 am Church Service

### Safeguarding at Ashwater

#### The Safeguarding Team

##### **Designated Safeguarding Lead:**

Mrs R Alford

##### **Attendance Officer:**

Miss S Revers

##### **Safeguarding Governor:**

Mrs A Clark

##### **Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead:**

Mrs R Cawsey

Miss H Frayn

### Safeguarding

Need help with on-line safety? Here are places to go:

#### Support for us



EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR

What is child abuse? Keeping children safe Support for all About us Events Christmas

Home | Keeping children safe | Keeping children safe online | Parental controls

**Parental controls**  
Get advice on setting up parental controls to help keep your child safe online.

**Deciding what's appropriate for children to see online**

**Help your children get the most out of the Internet**

I'm concerned about my child | Reporting an incident to CEOP | Tell the information and advice on keeping my child safe online

**The Dark Web Explained**  
Here's what the dark web is and how you can protect your children from it. You can also find out more about the dark web and how to protect your children from it.



**The Children's Society**



Devon Education Services



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Safe, Secure, Online

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**Digital Parenting**  
Helping your family live a happy and safe digital life

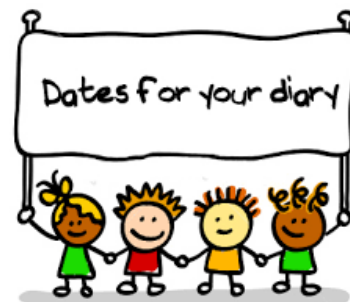
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## *Dates for your diary:*

### November

- 16th *Children In Need - Non Uniform Spotty and Spectacular*
- 17th *Sir Geoffrey Cox visit*
- 20th *Class 2 Tag Rugby Festival at HCC*
- 22nd *Tempest Photos—individuals and families*
- 29th *Parent Consultations 1.30pm—6.00pm*



### December

- 2nd *PTFA Christmas Extravaganza 12.30pm—2.30pm*
- 6th *Christmas Production 9.15am*
- 7th *Christmas Production 5.00pm*
- 13th *Christmas Lunch*
- 14th *Christmas Church Service 9.15am*
- 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/>



*Ashwater School*  
*\*\*Christmas Extravaganza\*\**

*Saturday*  
*2nd December*  
*12.30 - 14.30*

*Refreshments Served,*  
*Stalls, Choir and Christmas lights switch on*

*Ashwater School P. T. F. A*

# *Christmas Hamper Raffle*

*£1.00  
Per ticket*

ASHWATER



*The draw will take place at the Christmas  
Service on Thursday 14th December*

*All proceeds go towards school funds.*



## A cartoon illustration of a gingerbread man. He is wearing a black top hat with a red band and a red scarf. He has a smiling face with rosy cheeks and is holding a red and white striped candy cane in his right hand. A small red heart is floating above him.

A red beanie with a green pom-pom on top and a green ribbed cuff at the bottom. The beanie features a white zigzag pattern and small white dots.

**MERRY  
XMAS**



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](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.

# Struggling to top up your prepayment meter?

## You might be able to claim fuel vouchers

If you have prepayment meters and can't afford to top them up, we can help. We may be able to give you fuel vouchers, and our specialist energy team can help you find ways to save money on your household bills

Call 01237 879233, email [fuelvouchers@ruraldevoncab.org.uk](mailto:fuelvouchers@ruraldevoncab.org.uk) or scan the QR code to request a call back



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