

Ashwater Primary School

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Dear Parents,

We had a wonderful Remembrance Assembly last Thursday, led by the children and we were joined by Rev. Skinner. It was inspiring to hear about the children's Local Heroes. They told us about such a variety of people, including those whose names are on the war memorial in the village, as well as great grandparents, uncles and aunts who were Land Girls, in the Home Guard, the RAF, the Army, nurses, farming foods for the nation and many, many more amazing people. Thank you to parents who supported the children through this. The children clearly loved learning about their history and heritage and I hope they will pass these stories to their own children.

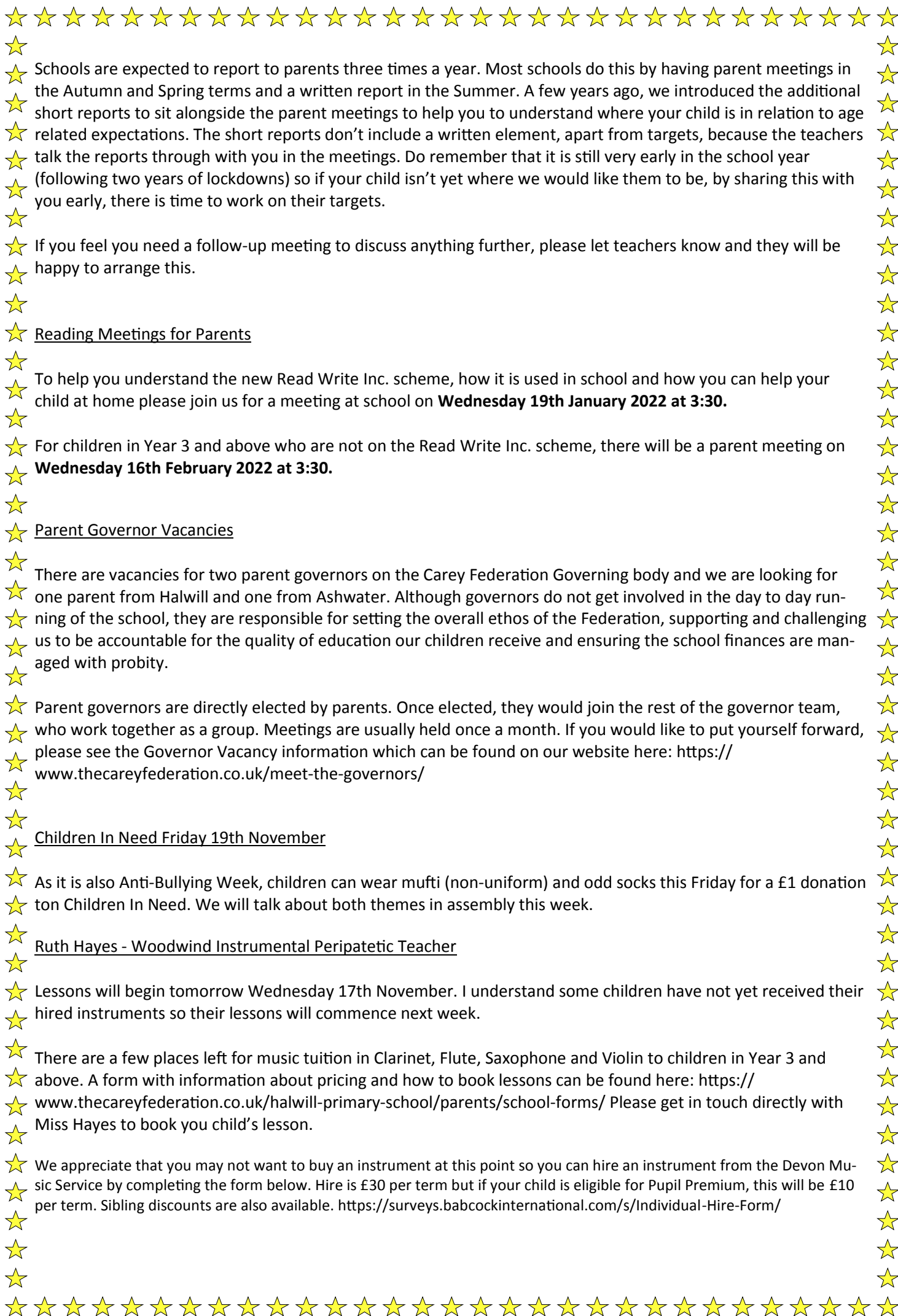


COVID

So far, we have had limited cases, however, local schools are seeing very high increases in cases. If a member of your household has COVID, please can your child do a PCR test and keep them at home until you have the results. Then please do daily LFD tests until your household is clear. Thank you for your support with this.

Parent Consultations

I hope you found the Parent Consultation useful last week. Unfortunately Class Dojo crashed during the afternoon so some parents couldn't access the Zoom log-ins and had telephone meetings instead. I am sorry about this disruption and thank you for your patience.



Schools are expected to report to parents three times a year. Most schools do this by having parent meetings in the Autumn and Spring terms and a written report in the Summer. A few years ago, we introduced the additional short reports to sit alongside the parent meetings to help you to understand where your child is in relation to age related expectations. The short reports don't include a written element, apart from targets, because the teachers talk the reports through with you in the meetings. Do remember that it is still very early in the school year (following two years of lockdowns) so if your child isn't yet where we would like them to be, by sharing this with you early, there is time to work on their targets.

If you feel you need a follow-up meeting to discuss anything further, please let teachers know and they will be happy to arrange this.

Reading Meetings for Parents

To help you understand the new Read Write Inc. scheme, how it is used in school and how you can help your child at home please join us for a meeting at school on **Wednesday 19th January 2022 at 3:30.**

For children in Year 3 and above who are not on the Read Write Inc. scheme, there will be a parent meeting on **Wednesday 16th February 2022 at 3:30.**

Parent Governor Vacancies

There are vacancies for two parent governors on the Carey Federation Governing body and we are looking for one parent from Halwill and one from Ashwater. Although governors do not get involved in the day to day running of the school, they are responsible for setting the overall ethos of the Federation, supporting and challenging us to be accountable for the quality of education our children receive and ensuring the school finances are managed with probity.

Parent governors are directly elected by parents. Once elected, they would join the rest of the governor team, who work together as a group. Meetings are usually held once a month. If you would like to put yourself forward, please see the Governor Vacancy information which can be found on our website here: <https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/meet-the-governors/>

Children In Need Friday 19th November

As it is also Anti-Bullying Week, children can wear mufti (non-uniform) and odd socks this Friday for a £1 donation to Children In Need. We will talk about both themes in assembly this week.

Ruth Hayes - Woodwind Instrumental Peripatetic Teacher

Lessons will begin tomorrow Wednesday 17th November. I understand some children have not yet received their hired instruments so their lessons will commence next week.

There are a few places left for 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/> Please get in touch directly with Miss Hayes to book your child's lesson.

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

Christmas Show Bookings

We hope parents will be able to attend the Christmas show, provided the COVID situation allows. This year we will have two separate shows because we want to reduce the number of adults on site. For this reason, you can request 2 tickets per child for either the matinee or the evening.

A Google form will be sent via text shortly to allow you to request your tickets and these will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. The performance dates are at the end of the newsletter.

New Reception 2022 Visits

If your child will be in the September 2022 cohort for Reception, please do contact the office if you would like to visit the school.

Mrs Ruh Alford

Executive Headteacher

Christmas Lunch

Roast Turkey
(Pigs in blankets, stuffing & gravy)

Or

Vegetarian Crown
(Stuffing and gravy)

Vegetables: Roast potatoes, carrots,
peas & sprouts

Dessert:

Christmas pudding with custard

Or

Strawberry ice cream and meringue

Or

Fresh fruit



Christmas Extravaganza

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



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Wednesday	Club: Sports Club Teacher: Scott Hayler (Budehaven)	KS1 & KS2	Starting 3rd Nov to Dec 15 3.30-4.30pm Runs for 6 weeks £6

The Carey Qualities



Each Friday children are awarded certificates in our Celebration Assembly for making a significant effort to develop one of our Carey Qualities. Last week the following children were awarded certificates. Well done to them all.

For building Relationships	For being Resilient	For being Resourceful	For being Reflective	For being Respectful
Jack	Harry	Ben	Harley	Gemma

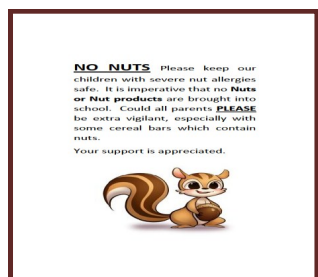


Ashwater
Baby & Toddler Group
Held on Thursday mornings
(Term time)
From 9.15am - 11.15am
At Ashwater Primary School
For more information please phone
Joy Parrin on: 07879336743

Message from School Admissions

If any families still need to apply for a secondary school place, you need to do so before the 31st October. The easiest way is to apply online by visiting www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline

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



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.

Dates for your diary:

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
- 19th Reading meeting for parents 3.30pm
Read, Write Inc
- 20th Flu Immunisations

February

- 16th Reading meeting for parents 3.30pm

