



Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Dear Parents,

I was very proud of all the children who were respectful throughout our special Federation Remembrance Assembly on Friday, including the two minutes silence. We joined Halwill School via Zoom and the focus this year was on some of the books of renowned, local author Michael Morpurgo. We looked at an extract from 'Private Peaceful' and a film clip of the Hatherleigh market scene from 'War Horse'. The two books have characters from very local places (Iddesleigh and Hatherleigh) and this was used to help the children appreciate the sacrifices of people from the local area. The children also recalled their Family Hero projects from last year, where they researched their family members' roles in the World Wars, for example, army cooks, code breakers, Land Girls and soldiers. We then looked at a clip of Michael Morpurgo talking about and reading an extract from 'A Medal for Leroy', which is based on the story of Walter Tull, a footballer and one of the first Black officers in WWI.

On Saturday, Class 4 Halwill and Class 2 Ashwater, had the amazing opportunity to sing at Exeter Cathedral as part of the Chorister Outreach Concert. We have had wonderful feedback from staff, parents and carers. Here are some of the things that have been said:

'All the children were impeccably behaved, sang beautifully and are a credit to the Federation'

'The Cathedral event was superb, the teachers had prepared the children really well and they were just amazing!'

'It was lovely and very magical!'

The children have also said how much they enjoyed the experience and they really appreciate how special this opportunity was. A huge thank you to Rosie Cawsey who arranged for us to be part of this and conducted on the day. Also thank you to Jayne Miners, Hayley Frayn and Alix Rothery who supported the children to learn the songs and supervised the children at the Cathedral. Also a huge thank you to parents and carers for bringing the children on a Saturday. We really appreciate you supporting this event and I hope you enjoyed it too.

You can listen to recordings of the children singing on our website here: <https://www.thecarey federation.co.uk/exeter-cathedral-chorister-outreach-project/>

The Devon and Torbay Music Hub also deserve a thank you for including us in the project and supporting the children to develop their singing with the help of their specialist teachers.



Parent Consultation

It was great to see so many parents brave the miserable weather last night to attend Parent Consultation. If you were unable to attend, please contact the office and class teachers will see you at another time.

Children in Need, Friday 18th November

Children may wear non-uniform this Friday, if they would like to and there is a suggested donation of £1.

Display for Home-Learning Projects, Friday 25th November 9:10 am

It has been brilliant to see the children's home-learning projects which needed to be submitted earlier this week.

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.



Staff News

We are recruiting for a new Meal Time Assistant at Halwill School. Please see the advert on our website: <https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/halwill-primary-school/about-us/job-vacancies/>

Ashwater (Community) Primary School: Proposal to change the age range

Devon County Council is formally consulting on lowering the age range of Ashwater Primary School from 4-11 to 2-11 years of age from January 2023.

The Full Proposal is available to view on-line via: <https://new.devon.gov.uk/haveyoursay/> - please select the 'Education and Schools' category.

The web page also details how responses can be sent to Devon County Council, as the decision-maker.

The deadline date for representations to be made is Thursday 15th December 2022. If you do not have access to the web, please call the School Organisation Team on 01392 382057.

Household Support Fund

Please see a notice from the Early Help Team of Devon County Council

We are pleased to announce that we have access to further funding to support families on low incomes to support with food and utility costs. This is through the Household Support Fund.

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Through this fund, Early Help is able to provide a grant per family to support with:

- Food
- Supporting for energy and water bills for household purposes
- Essential white goods such as a fridge, freezer or cooker
- Consideration for petrol for essential journeys

The family needs to meet the following criteria:

- You are a family (at least 2 people where at least 1 person is either pre-birth or up to 18 years old)
- You are experiencing financial hardship
- You need financial help to pay utility bills or buy food and essential items linked to food, warmth, and utilities for your family
- Not have received financial assistance from another source for the same reason

Please note:

- Payment will be sent directly to families through BACS (it is essential we have the families bank details)
- There will be no food vouchers available in this scheme
- Only one application for an award per household within this round (HSF3) of the scheme, that will run from 16 November 2022 to 31st March 2023. Repeat applications are unlikely to be successful.
- If a family have previously received hardship funding from Early help applications to HSF1 and 2 they will be considered. However, families who have not previously received funding will be prioritised

Please contact Mrs Alford via the school office if you would like to apply for this fund.



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 and will begin next week and continue into the Spring Term.

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.

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.

Art Club

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 Lunch

Wednesday 14th December. Please order through SchoolMoney asap.



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
10th December	PTFA Christmas Craft Fayre—Ashwater Parish Hall	1.30-4pm
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 G Marshall

Mrs R Cawsey—SENDCo

Miss H Frayn

Feeling stressed?

Stress is something everyone feels at times, and there are all kinds of stressful situations that can be a part of daily life. Low-level stress can even be helpful or motivational.

There are plenty of things you can do to help cope with stressful events, and simple steps you can take to deal with feelings of stress or burnout. Here is a link to an excellent NHS website that can help you manage your stress:

https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/mental-health-issues/stress/?utm_source=nhsuk&utm_medium=paid_social_fb&utm_campaign=emm&utm_term=Stress&utm_content=Small4_1X1&fbclid=IwAR3d93Bxq4ZMhPD6YAEfFrCTyUfaoVfi8ITqK691ODM3IJKXoQASwOfU-1o_aem_AS4a8y7OuP0QHQB3yxmV9gb8I3qhJT1yYrGQsLBWABDEpi_GVIQkZMm02nNP75HUdAP9BEXs1Fk7Fd4W8OY_LYuXAwtkd5rPB-LgleVkhH6SCbVAJG8RyQqbJo90ZwCjQeCQ

Dates for your diary:

November

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
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15th	Ashwater Church Service 2pm

January

26th	Bag2School
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January

2nd	Bank holiday
3rd	First day of Spring term



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

Christmas Extrawaganza

Saturday 3rd December

14.00 - 17.00

Free Entry

with all donations very welcome!
Please accompany children



Food & Drink





Christmas

*** Craft * Fayre ***



Saturday
10th December
13.30 - 16.00

* Ashwater Parish Hall *

Refreshments Served
With all proceeds going to ashwater school play equipment fund



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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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