



Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Dear Parents,



Thank you to parents and children for contributing to Children in Need last week, it was great to see the children in their non-uniform. We raised **£35.10**

Christmas Production 8th December

Please note that there will be an additional performance of the Christmas Production at 2.30pm

Reporting Absence

A reminder to please call or email the school office by 9:00 am if your child is off sick. Even if they were off the previous day, please let us know each day that they are going to be off. Thank you

Display for Home-Learning Projects, Friday 25th November 9.10am

All parents are invited to come and see a display of the projects in the class rooms on Friday 25th November at 9.10am. 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.

Vacancy

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



Tag Rugby



Unfortunately, the tag rugby was cancelled on Monday due the weather. We will let you know the new date once it has been confirmed but this is likely to be after Christmas.

Amazon Smile

The PTFA have set up 'Amazon Smile' so any time you shop with Amazon Smile it goes to the PTFA, please follow the link for instructions, our charity name is Ashwater P.T.F.A: smile.amazon.co.uk

Tempest Photography

The children had their photos taken today, if you would like free delivery you have until the 30th November to order.



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:

- 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	2.30-3.30pm 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 R Cawsey—SENDCo

Mrs G Marshall

Miss H Frayn

Anti-Bullying Week

Last week was Anti-Bullying Week. Teachers talked to the children about the importance of 'Reaching Out' if they were worried about themselves or someone else.

Here is a video that reiterates this message: <https://youtu.be/aMfgZRdVbdw>



It is really important to encourage your child to tell a school adult if someone is unkind or bullies them. Children can feel worried about getting others 'into trouble' but in fact 'Reaching Out' is the way we can help. Usually, if the child who is being unkind or bullying has the opportunity to talk through and think about the impact of their behaviour with a school adult, they change their behaviour.

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 Christmas Extravaganza 2pm -5pm (please see poster for details)
8th	Ashwater Christmas Production 2.20-3.30pm & 5.30 -6.30pm
10th	PTFA Christmas Craft Fayre-Ashwater Parish Hall 1.30-4pm
14th	Christmas Lunch
15th	Ashwater Church Service 2pm

January

26th	Bag2School
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January

2nd	Bank holiday
3rd	First day of Spring term



Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 14th December. Please order through SchoolMoney asap.



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



Bag2School



www.bag2school.com



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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