



# Ashwater Primary School

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

Dear Parents,

It was wonderful to see the children return yesterday. They have settled in very well; it has been a pleasure to see lots of smiling and excited faces. For a reminder of the procedures, PE days and clubs etc. please see the information sheet sent last week: <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/halwillps/UploadedDocument/b35060ee0a424a4ab5310de8ed2c331c/information-for-full-opening-8th-march-2021-ashwater.pdf>

### Reading Week and World Book Day Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March

It was fantastic to see so many children dress up for World Book Day, whether at home or in school. The children clearly enjoyed hearing from author and books editor, Sameer Rahim. I was very impressed with how well the children listened and the excellent, reflective questions they asked. Sameer also enjoyed the experience and has said, 'It was my absolute pleasure: the children were smart, cheeky and asked some unexpected questions. Thoroughly enjoyed it!'

The afternoon with a live dance lesson with Miss Squire was also excellent and a great way for all children at home and at school, to keep connected. I was also pleased with how reflective and respectful the children have been towards the theme of diversity. Well done to all of them.

### Celebration Assembly

There won't be a Celebration Assembly this week as children need time to settle back into class. From next week it will continue on Friday mornings but unfortunately parents won't be able to join until it is safe to have visitors back in school. We will resume giving out certificates and publishing award winner names in the newsletter.

### Communication

Teachers will continue to use Class Dojo for home work but won't be checking it daily now that the children are back in school so if you need to send them a message, please email [admin@ashwater.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ashwater.devon.sch.uk). The office is open on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Mandy Furse, the administrator, does check emails most evenings so your message will be picked up. However, if it is urgent and you need to be sure we get the message during the school day, please email [admin@halwill.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@halwill.devon.sch.uk) or call 01409 211816, which is a new direct line to the main school for parents and Federation staff.

### Remote Learning

Well done to children, parents and staff for all their efforts with this. We hope there will not be another school closure but inevitably there will be occasions when children are self-isolating or we may have a bubble closure. In these cases, Remote Learning will resume but won't be in the same format as for the full lockdown. Please see our Remote Learning Policy for details: <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/halwillps/UploadedDocument/56109e9827ca4787b7b18c883d44fd4c/remote-learning-policy-sept-2020.pdf>

In the next few weeks we will share a survey to gauge your views on how you felt the Remote Learning in Lockdown 3.0 was delivered.

### Comic Relief Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March

The theme this year is 'Funny is Power'. Children may come to school in mufti (non-uniform) or dress as a superhero for a donation of £1 to Comic Relief.

### Bikeability 24th and 25th March (Year 6)

These are sessions delivered by Plymouth School Sports Partnership working with Devon County Council, Excecl at Cycling Ltd & The Cycling Partnership to develop your child's cycling proficiency. The trainer will follow our Covid Risk Assessment and undertake a Lateral Flow Test before coming to the site. A letter will be sent home about this today. Please return the consent form by Tuesday 16th March.

Wishing you all a very good week.

Mrs Ruh Alford Executive Headteacher

# After School Clubs - Spring Term 2nd Half

Tuesday	<p>Club: Gym</p> <p>Teacher: Di Stanbury</p>	KS1 & KS2	<p>Starting 9th March</p> <p>3.30-4.30pm</p> <p>Runs for 4 weeks £4</p>
Wednesday	<p>Club: Multi-skills</p> <p>Teacher: Budehaven</p>	KS1 & KS2	<p>Starting 10th March</p> <p>3.30-4.30pm</p> <p>Runs for 4 weeks £4</p>

## Dates for your diary:

### March

19th Comic Relief Day

24th/25th Bikeability Training Yr 6

### April

1st Last Day of Spring Term

2nd Start of Easter Holidays

16th End of Easter Holidays

19th Start of Summer Term

**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.



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

Thank you.

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

If your child has:  
• a high temperature  
• a new, continuous cough, or  
• a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

This could be a sign of  
coronavirus

Book a test