



# Ashwater Primary School

Newsletter No.16 Spring Term.

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

Dear Parents,

It was so wonderful to have a vibrant school again last week with all the children returning. They settled back well and we had lots of happy smiling faces.

If your children were a little more emotional than usual in the evenings or reluctant to come in the mornings, try not to worry because this has been a huge emotional change for children very unlike a normal return at the end of a holiday. Even those children who were in school are also getting used to the new routines. Also, children will be more tired than usual. Hopefully once the new routine is established, any emotional issues will be resolved, however, if you are concerned do let us know and we will do our best to support you and your child. It was very much a 'pastoral' focus last week with teachers planning engaging activities to excite the children to return and provide opportunities to rebuild connections with peers.

### SATs and Statutory Assessments 2021

The DfE have confirmed that there will be no national SATs tests for Year 6 or Year 2. However, Devon County Council (DCC) is proposing an alternative to SATs. I have put myself forward to be part of the DCC consultation group so I can share the school's views on this. Once Devon County Council have made a final decision, I will inform you.

Likewise, the DfE have advised the statutory Phonic Screening Test for Year 1 children and Times Tables Test for Year 4 children will not be taking place this year. However, we will do a version of these to enable us to track children's progress but this data will not be submitted externally as it would have been.

### 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. **We ask that children don't wear a red nose to school** as these are not particularly hygienic in this current climate. If they would like to come to school with a painted red nose (using make-up or face paint) that will be fine.

Wishing you a good week ahead.

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.



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.

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