

# Ashwater Primary School

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

Dear Parents,

The children had great fun on Comic Relief Day. Those that chose to dress up looked fantastic. Most importantly, the children learned about the great causes their money would go towards. We raised £35.00, thank you for your generosity.

### InCAS Assessments for Y1 – Y6

In the coming weeks the children in Y1 – Y6 will undertake on-line assessments using the Chrome Books. As these are computer based, children enjoy doing them and don't feel anxious so are particularly suitable now when they are settling back into the routine. The tests are called InCAS and are provided by CEM (Centre for Evaluation & Monitoring) through the University of Cambridge.

The assessments are adaptive, which means the better a child does, the harder the questions become and if the child can't answer questions, the next will adapt to their ability. This results in a very accurate picture of where each child is in reading, spelling, maths and mental maths. It also has an aspect on pupil attitudes to learning and their developed ability, meaning how able they are to tackle their learning. I have used these very successfully in a number of previous schools and it allows teachers to identify any gaps in learning as well as strengths and plan appropriate catch-up intervention or challenge.

This page has some useful information and video, if you would like to know more: <https://www.cem.org/incas>

### Parent Consultation Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021 1:30 pm – 6:00 pm (via Zoom)

We would usually have our second Parent Consultation in the Spring Term but this year we feel that we need the remainder of this term to assess the children in order to put in any support or challenge they require. Therefore, by the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021, teachers will be in a better position to talk to you about your child's progress. These will be 10 minute meetings conducted via Zoom. You can begin booking your slot from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April by speaking to a member of staff at 'drop off time' in the mornings. Nearer the time, teachers will share the Zoom details with you via Class Dojo. If you have concerns which cannot wait until 4<sup>th</sup> May, please do arrange to meet your child's teacher sooner.

We will also send home an End of Year Report at the end of the Summer Term.

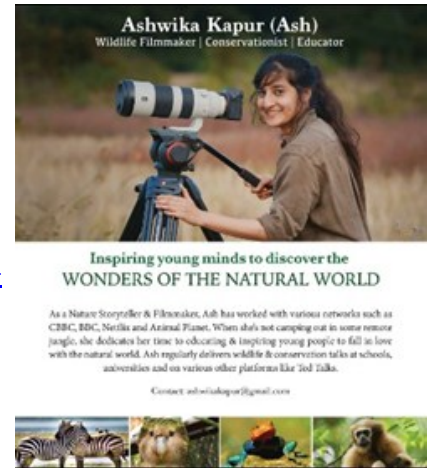
### SATs and Statutory Assessments 2021

The DfE have confirmed that there will be no national SATs tests for Year 6 or Year 2. However, I mentioned last week that Devon County Council (DCC) was proposing an alternative to SATs. I put myself forward to be part of the DCC consultation group and have now attended a meeting. Following this, it is now clear that there is no intention to replicate the SATs but schools may wish to use past papers to help with assessments. If we choose to use these, they will be low key and form part of our usual end of year assessments that we do in all year groups.

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.

David Attenborough Wildlife Filmmaker Federation Assembly Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021

I am delighted to share that on Thursday, Ashwika Kapur, a wildlife filmmaker will be joining our Federation Assembly. Ashwika worked on the current David Attenborough series 'A Life On Our Planet' as well as the CBBC documentary 'Planet Defenders'. You can see her here, filming gibbons: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/watch/planet-defenders-ashwika-and-the-gibbons>



Ashwika will talk about her job as a wild life film maker and show pictures about this, as well as conservation issues. There will be a chance to ask her questions so children can start thinking of these.

PTFA Meeting

The Ashwater PTFA will be meeting on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 2:00 pm via Zoom. Everyone welcome, please either speak to or email Natasha Crocombe if you would like to join the meeting (tash1989@hotmail.co.uk).

Bikeability

Bikeability is taking place tomorrow (Wednesday) and Thursday for year 6 children. Please can children bring cycles, helmets and appropriate clothing/footwear for cycling and the weather.

Mrs Ruh Alford  
Executive Headteacher

The Carey Qualities

In the Carey Federation, we are aspirational learners who build

**Relationships** by being **Resilient, Resourceful, Reflective** and **Respectful**

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 <b>Relationships</b>	For being <b>Resilient</b>	For being <b>Resourceful</b>	For being <b>Reflective</b>	For being <b>Respectful</b>
	Megan Charlie C	Mason	Joshua	Harry H

## 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

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