

Ashwater Primary School

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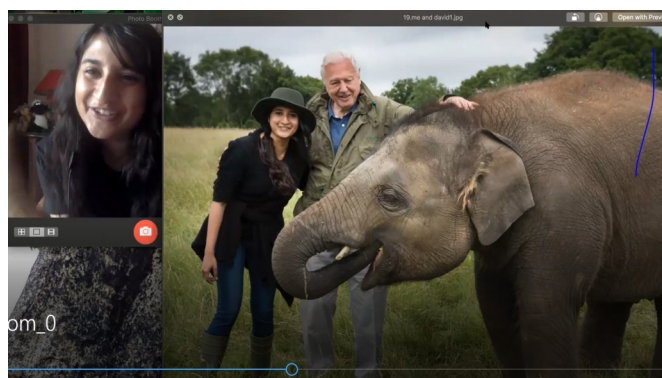
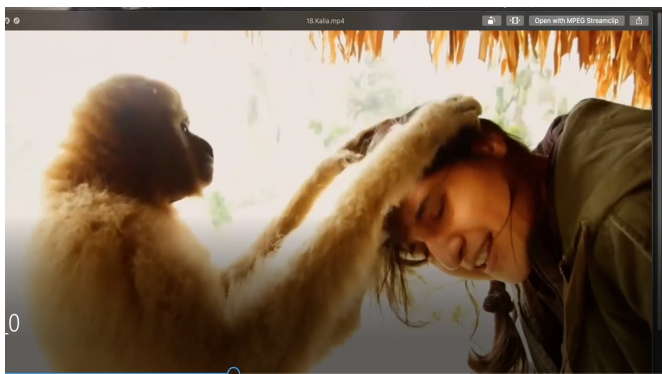
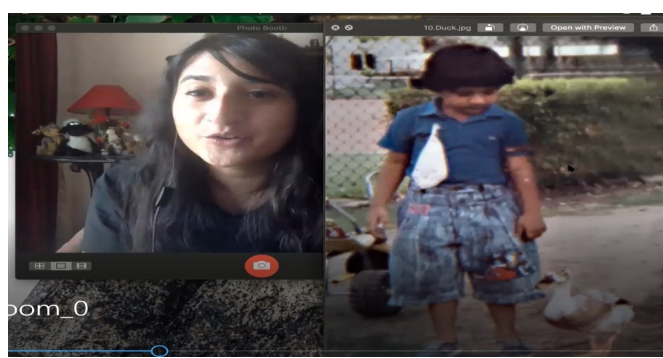
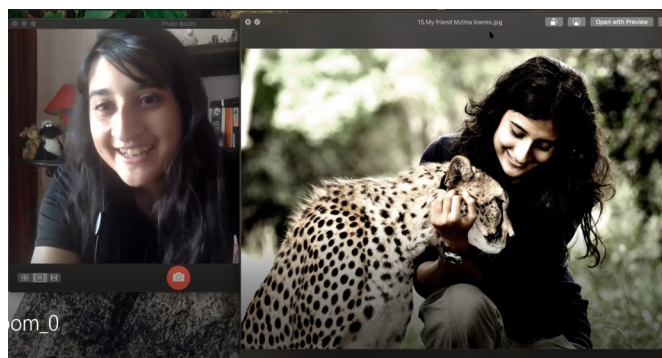
Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Dear Parents,

We have finally reached the end of a term of two parts – Remote Learning for most of the term and then the return to school for all children since the 8th March. It has been fantastic to have the children back and hear their excited voices around the school. This is the sound that should be heard in a school – a virtual classroom can't replicate this, as much as we have tried.

A huge well done to children, staff and parents for making it through this strange and challenging term. A reminder that the last day of school is **Thursday 1st April** and the first day of the Summer Term is **Monday 19th April**.

Wildlife Filmmaker, Ash Kapur was a real hit with the children last week as she Zoomed into our Federation assembly, all the way from India. She was so bubbly and passionate in her tales of her first pet: a duck, working with David Attenborough and the importance of conservation. The children were truly inspired; they asked thoughtful questions and many are still talking about the assembly. You can watch Ash in CBBC's Planet Defenders: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/shows/planet-defenders>





Easter

This week children will be doing a variety of Easter activities in their classes, including revisiting the Easter story. On Thursday, we will have a Federation Easter Assembly via Zoom, unfortunately parents won't be able to attend this.

Tribute to Local Treasure

Today Ashwater School and Pre-school pay our respects to Gordon Jennings. He will take his final trip around the village, passing the school at around 11.50 am. Gordon was a valued member of our community and a huge champion of our school. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family, particularly his wife Renee, who until the pandemic, was a regular volunteer in our school.

Contact Tracing During The Easter Holiday - a message from the DfE

If a pupil tests positive for COVID-19, having developed symptoms **more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted**. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a pupil tests positive for COVID-19, **having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school**, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.

The Headteacher will remain on-call to conduct contact tracing for 6 days after the final day of teaching.

For The Carey Federation this will be the period from Friday 2nd April to Wednesday 7th April. School may be contacted during this period using safeguarding@halwill.devon.sch.uk

If your child is expected to return to school after the Easter holiday but is unable to due to self-isolating, please inform the school using admin@ashwater.devon.sch.uk

PE and Enrichment After Easter

On PE days children should come to school in PE kit. Please note that PE kit is a white T-Shirt, dark shorts/tracksuit bottoms/leggings, red school jumper and trainers. Please encourage children to stick to this so they continue to look smart on days when they come to school in PE kit.

On Wild Tribe days, please can children bring in waterproofs to wear over school clothes and wellington boots. If they don't have waterproofs then some other long clothing to cover arms and legs (not jeans) should be sent in. Unfortunately, the Wild Tribe provider's risk assessment will not allow children to take part if they have bare arms or legs. In addition long hair must be tied up.

TUESDAY - Class 1&2 Gymnastics/Yoga– Children to **come in PE kits**

WEDNESDAY - Class 1 & 2 PE - **come in PE kits**

FRIDAY - **Class 2 will be doing Wild Tribe**. Class 1 will have Dance and Music lessons so will come to school in **PE kits**. Both classes will also have French.

Please note: Class 2 will continue with Wild Tribe until Friday 28th May inclusive. Class 1 will begin Wild Tribe on Friday 4th June until the end of the Summer Term. Class 2 will then have Dance and Music.

Clubs

Tuesdays, Di Stanbury will take Gym Club

Wednesdays, Multi-Sports with Budehaven

Please note there will be a fee of £1 per session for these (unless you are entitled to Pupil Premium). You must book in advance for the half-term via the office and the fee will be added to SchoolMoney. Unfortunately, we won't be able to offer a refund if sessions are missed. All clubs run from 3:30 – 4:30 pm.

Morning Health Club

A reminder that this runs daily from 8:00 am, however, it will be for childcare only and we will not provide breakfast. If you would like to book a place, please do so via SchoolMoney for the slightly reduced price of £2.50. Remember to please book by 3:00pm the previous day, at the latest. Please note if you are entitled to Pupil Premium, it is free.

Parent Consultation Tuesday 4th 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 4th 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 26th 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 4th 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.

I wish you all a happy Easter and a well-earned break.

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 Relationships	For being Resilient	For being Resourceful	For being Reflective	For being Respectful
	Carly Nancy Arthur Verity Amelia Reggie	Harley Gemma		

After School Clubs - Summer Term 1st Half

Tuesday	<p>Club: Gym</p> <p>Teacher: Di Stanbury</p>	KS1 & KS2	<p>Starting 20th April</p> <p>3.30-4.30pm</p> <p>Runs for 6 weeks £6</p>
Wednesday	<p>Club: Multi-skills</p> <p>Teacher: Budehaven</p>	KS1 & KS2	<p>Starting 21st April</p> <p>3.30-4.30pm</p> <p>Runs for 6 weeks £6</p>

Dates for your diary:

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.

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