

Ashwater Primary School

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Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Dear Parents,

I hope you and the children enjoyed the long weekend and found the Parent Consultations useful yesterday. Teachers have been really positive about speaking with you and I hope you now have a good idea of how your child is progressing after the recent lockdown. If there were any technical hitches, thank you for your patience. If you weren't able to attend the meeting, please speak to the teachers and they will arrange another appointment with you. If you would prefer a phone call, please let us know.

Parent Remote Learning and Key Worker Survey

Now that we have been back a few weeks from Lockdown it may start to feel like a lifetime ago that your child was remote learning or coming in as a key worker / vulnerable / pre-school pupil but please cast your mind back and kindly complete the Federation survey here: https://forms.gle/f7qCrgThL3Gtmv6o8

Your views are really important to us and we used the survey after Lockdown 1 to shape our current Remote Learning Policy. Whilst we hope there won't be any further lockdowns or bubble closures, we want to be prepared. In any case, it is good to know what we did well and what we could do better as we always want to 'Aim High'.

Tempest Photographs – new date

Unfortunately Tempest weren't able to come last week but the new date is Thursday 27th May.

Go for the flow! Get your free COVID-19 tests now

As you may know, all school staff are undertaking twice weekly rapid lateral flow device (LFD) COVID-19 tests.

Devon County Council have made free LFD testing available for everyone over the age of 16 years old and are encouraging everyone to test twice a week. You can:

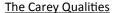
- be tested at one of the community testing sites https://www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/ rapid-testing-devon/rapid-lateral-flow-tests-site-locations-and-opening-times/
- have home test kits from the NHS delivered to your home: https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests

The Big Ask - Children's Commissioner Survey

Schools in England have been asked to share The Big Ask survey which is for the children to complete. Last week I showed the children the assembly about The Big Ask, which you can find here: https://cassroom.thenational.academy/assemblies/the-big-ask

This is not something organised by the school and we will not see the results. If you would like your child to complete this, they can do so here: https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/. I suggest you have a look at the questions yourself first to make sure you are happy for your child to complete this and they may require explanation of some of the questions.

Mrs Ruh Alford Executive Headteacher



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	For being	For being	For being	For being
Relationships	Resilient	Resourceful	Reflective	Respectful
	Bradley	Mason	Ben	
	Jayden		Reuben	

Dates for your diary:

<u>May</u>

27th Tempest Photographs

31st May - 4th June HALF TERM 7th June NON PUPIL DAY

June

7th June NON PUPIL DAY 8th Children Return to school

July

13th & 14th Yr 6 Transition Days HCC 18th Ashwater Tractor Run 23rd Last Day of Term

September

6th Non-Pupil Day 7th Term Starts

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 <u>or</u> contact Halwill school on 01409 221476.

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 PILASE beneare vigilant, especially with beneare high burs which contain nuts.



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

Thank you.



Special Census day menu Thursday 20th May

Hot dog and mini potato waffles

Veggie hot dog and mini potato waffles

Jacket potato with cheese, beans or tuna

(Ice lolly, yoghurt or fruit)

Please order through schoolmoney.



After School Clubs - Summer Term 1st Half

Tuesday	Club: Gym	KS1 & KS2	Starting 20th April 3.30-4.30pm
	Teacher: Di Stanbury	K31 & K32	Runs for 6 weeks £6
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Wednesday	Teacher: Budehaven	KS1 & KS2	Runs for 6 weeks £6





COULD YOUR CHILD BE ENTITLED TO A SUBSIDY TOWARDS THE COST OF RESIDENTIAL OR DAY TRIPS, SPORTING EVENTS, SCHOOL UNIFORM, EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, BREAKFAST CLUB, AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS AS WELL AS FREE SCHOOL MEALS IN KS2?

If you are in receipt of any of the following, your child could be entitled to a subsidy towards the cost of the above:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax
 Credit

Universal Credit.

Children who receive any of the above benefits in their own right (i.e. they get benefits payments directly, instead of through a parent or guardian) can also get free school meals.

Please apply even if your child is in Foundation, Year 1 or Year 2 and receives a meal under the Universal Infant Free School Meals Scheme. As well as financially benefiting as described above, your child may receive additional learning support where appropriate because of the additional funding that school receives from Government for known free school meals pupils.

How to apply

Through the Citizen Portal (https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCCSCitizenPortal live) which is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in you getting an instant decision.

Parents and carers can also ring the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.





Think behaviour, think language. I wonder if....

Communication and Interaction Team Social, Emotional and Mental Health Team

A free, informal workshop for parents and carers to consider the links between behaviour and speech, language and communication needs. This event will be held virtually on Tuesday 15th June 2021, 10am – 12pm

Does your child have difficulty with:

- Listening?
- Attention?
- Communication?
- Friendships?
- Literacy?

The session will aim to raise awareness of speech, language and communication needs (SLCN) and consider the impact on a child's social, emotional and mental health (SEMH). SLCN can become apparent through a child's behaviour in a variety of ways and we shall provide further insight into these complex links.

The session provides an opportunity to share ideas about what works for you and a chance to discuss and learn from other parents/carers.

There will also be an opportunity for questions to the Advisory Teachers and Family Worker from the Communication and Interaction Team and the Social, Emotional and Mental Health team.

To book your free place, please contact: Sue Vanstone (01392)287355 <u>sue.vanstone@babcockinternational.com</u>