



Ashwater Primary School

Newsletter No.26 Summer Term.

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Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Dear Parents,

The children had a very good first week back. We didn't have a Celebration Assembly as it was a short week but instead, the teachers spoke to the children about the G7 Summit, at a level appropriate to their age, as we felt it was important for the children to have an understanding of this significant event hosted in the South West.

Mr Biddle of Holsworthy College had a successful meeting with the Year 6 pupils on Thursday afternoon. It was so nice to have Year 6 parents back on site for the meeting and despite the weather, the meeting went ahead in the band stand. Hopefully the Year 6 children going to Holsworthy College are feeling a little less anxious about the move.

The weather is hotting up so it is great to see most children wearing a sun hat. In these very hot days, please can all children bring in and wear a sun hat, apply sun screen before school and bring it to school to reapply themselves before lunch play. Children are encouraged to go into the shade to give respite from the sun and we are encouraging children to drink regularly throughout the day.

Class Teachers for September 2021

After many years of dedicated service to both Ashwater School and the Federation, Carole Gleed has decided to step back from her role as Ashwater Class 2 teacher at the end of this academic year. I am sure you will join me in wishing Carole all the very best for all her adventures and challenges which lie ahead. Carole's commitment to the children is second to none and I am sincerely thankful for the care, education and nurturing she has given to many Ashwater children over the years. Carole is passionate about the children and I know she will be greatly missed. There will be an opportunity at the end of the term for children, parents and staff to say goodbye to Mrs Gleed and give her the send-off she deserves.

I am pleased to tell you that Hayley Frayn will be taking Ashwater Class 2 for next year. Hayley is an excellent teacher, demonstrating not only high quality teaching and learning in the academic subjects to her current Y3/4 class at Halwill but also a talent in art and design, computing and PE that I feel will bring such value to the children at Ashwater. In addition, Hayley has taught Class 2 at Ashwater previously and of course already being part of the Federation, Hayley upholds our values and ethos and has been actively involved in curriculum developments. There will be opportunities this term for Miss Frayn to come over to Ashwater and get to know the children and have a thorough hand-over with Mrs Gleed to ensure the transition is seamless.

The children have been told today. On Thursday 15th July for all those who will be in Class 2 in September there will be chance to spend time with Miss Frayn.

On the same day **Thursday 15th July**, we invite parents of children who will be in Years 3, 4, 5 or 6 to meet Miss Frayn at 3:30 pm. Due to the current COVID situation and restrictions not lifting on 21st June, we intend to hold this outside.

There will be a short introduction from Miss Frayn and then opportunity to ask questions at the end. Mrs Gleed will also be present so you will have a chance to speak to her too.

Please do not attend if you have symptoms of COVID-19. On arrival at your child's allocated time, please come to the gate, where you will be signed in, this will be necessary for NHS Test and Trace as well as our usual safeguarding procedures.

New Reception parents are invited to meet Mrs Cawsey and me on **Friday 2nd July at 9:00 am**.

Trips

Following the Prime Minister's announcement yesterday, I would still anticipate trips being able to go ahead as these were allowed even without the 21st June lifting of restrictions. Though if when the DfE update their guidance, anything changes, I will of course let you know.

I am pleased to confirm that there will be a Federation trip for YR,1,2 & 3 to Plymouth Aquarium on Tuesday 13th July. Although this is an indoor location, having visited myself, this weekend, I was reassured it has strict COVID safe procedures in place. The Ashwater PTFA are contributing £10 per pupil so the total cost to parents will be £8 per child. If your child is entitled to Pupil Premium (Free School Meals) the school will cover the full cost of the trip. We have not yet told the children about the trip, if you have concerns about the cost please do get in touch with me and we will do what we can to help. A letter will be sent by teachers, with full details, shortly.

Sports Day Wednesday 30th June 1:30 pm

Given that restrictions are not lifting on 21st June, we anticipate Sports Day will go ahead but unfortunately we need to restrict to one parent / carer per family to keep the group of parents on site to 30. I am sorry for any disappointment caused but as the anticipated lifting of restrictions on 21st June will not take place, we must adhere to the current legal limit of spectator sports.

Please do not attend if you have symptoms of COVID-19. On arrival at your child's allocated time, please come to the gate, where you will be signed in, this will be necessary for NHS Test and Trace as well as our usual safeguarding procedures.

Thank you for your understanding and flexibility, given the current challenges. **If we receive any further advice and need to change current plans, I will let you know.**

Mrs Ruh Alford

Executive Headteacher

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

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.



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

Dates for your diary:

June

30th Sports Day

July

2nd New 'Reception' Transition Meeting 9am

12th Roadford Lake Trip Y4, Y5 & Y6

13th Plymouth Aquarium Trip YR, Y1, Y2 & Y3

13th Year 6 Transition Day at HCC
(parents welcome in afternoon)

14th Year 6 Transition Day at HCC

18th Ashwater Tractor Run

21st Year 6 Leavers

23rd Last Day of Term

September

6th Non-Pupil Day

7th Term Starts