

Ashwater Primary School

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Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Dear Parents,

In last week's assembly, the children were introduced to this jigsaw representation of our Federation motto and Carey Qualities.



It came as a result of wanting a way to make our motto and ethos more visual for the children so that we can help them understand each of the values and makes links in their learning and behaviour. So, on the non-pupil day, Miss Miners, Head of Teaching and Learning, asked the staff from both schools, to come up with ideas. This one, based on Miss Frayn's jigsaw idea and Miss Warran's design of the children in school uniform colours to represent the Federation children, was then converted to this digital version by a lady who is designing our forthcoming, new website.

I hope you like it. It will be reproduced on displays in each class and will be built on to help children understand the meaning behind the words.

In the assembly we also looked at the Euro 2020 competition, the cities that are hosting it and which teams are playing. We discussed how sport and team games, like football, can really teach us to 'Be Respectful' to others, whether we win or lose. Children were shown this powerful video about grassroots football: <https://www.vccp.com/work/nationwide/nationwide-building-society-lessons-from-the-game>

We also looked at why some players choose to 'take the knee' before a football match as a symbol against racism and discussed Gareth Southgate's request to fans not to boo the players, if they choose to do this, as this is not 'being respectful' to the players.

Sports Day Wednesday 30th June (for School and Pre-School children)– Updated DfE Guidance

And the theme of sport continues...

Last week I promised that I would inform you if DfE guidance was updated following the Prime Minister's announcement that restrictions did not lift on 21st June. I am pleased to tell you that the DfE have given specific advice about Sports Days:

Although we do need to keep outdoor spectators to groups of 30 – the legal gathering limit, multiple groups of 30 are permitted.

Therefore, following agreement from Governors, we will set up two groups of 30 spectator chairs so each family will be able to have **2 parents / carers** attending their Sports Day.

Each family will be issued with 2 tickets. You will need to write the names and contact details of each spectator on these and hand them in to a member of the office team, who will be at the side gate. This will be necessary for NHS Test and Trace, as well as enabling us to know who is on site for our safeguarding procedures.

If you **do not require both tickets, please return them to school as soon as possible**. We can then reissue them to families who would like to bring an additional adult. Please email the office if you would like an additional ticket, if any are available, they will be reissued on a first come, first served basis.

This is a completely new and un-trialled way of running Sports Day so we thank you in advance for your patience and understanding if things don't run as smoothly as we hope and if there is any disappointment regarding the number of adults that can attend. We 'Aim High' to work within the legal parameters, whilst offering the children and families the best possible experience that has been so missed in the last year.

Please do not attend if you have symptoms of COVID-19. Please wear a face covering on arrival and when leaving (unless exempt) but once seated, these can be removed as seats will be socially distanced. We will not be offering refreshments so feel free to bring your own thermos or cold drinks (non-alcoholic). Please remember we are a nut-free school.

Pick-up arrangements will be as usual.

Thank you for your understanding and flexibility, given the current challenges. **Please be aware, the above is subject to COVID restrictions remaining as they are and Ashwater School remaining free from COVID cases at the time of the event.**

Trips

The letter regarding the YR – Y3 trip to Plymouth Aquarium was sent home this week.

Mrs Cawsey is arranging a trip for the Pre-School children and you will receive a letter about this shortly.

Transition to Holsworthy College & Year 6 Leavers' Celebration

If your child is moving to College in September, Holsworthy has changed their transition dates. You should have received a letter about this. The new dates are in the date list of this newsletter.

As a result, we have needed to move **Ashwater Leavers' Celebration to Monday 19th July at 2:00 pm**. As we have a small group of children, each Year 6 pupil may have up to 5 parents / carers to attend the Celebration event.

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
Thomas	Claire	Gabe	Amelia Elisabeth	

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.

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

19th Year 6 Leavers 2pm

20th Year 6 Transition Day at HCC

21st Year 6 Transition Day at HCC

23rd Last Day of Term

September

6th Non-Pupil Day

7th Term Starts




**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**

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- 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