

# Ashwater Primary School

Newsletter No.4 Autumn Term.

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

Dear Parents,

A huge well done to all the children who attended Holsworthy College's Cross Country competition last week, where they raced against 6 other schools. Mr Pugh has emailed to congratulate all the children and I am delighted to tell you that on Friday, we had confirmation that the Federation team came overall **'Runners Up' in the Year 3&4 race** and overall **'Winners' in the Year 5&6 race!** This is an outstanding achievement. We have not received official placings of individuals but Miss Frayn did record the children who finished in the top 10. Many congratulations to them! They certainly showed an 'Aim High' attitude!

Year 3 girls Amelia (Ashwater) 8th and Hadley (Halwill) 9th

Year 3 boys - Jack (Halwill) 9th

Year 4 girls – Summer (Halwill) 3rd, Leonie (Halwill) 4th,

Year 4 boys - Bradley (Ashwater) 8th

Year 5 girls - Ida-May (Halwill) 4th, Isla (Halwill) 5th

Year 5 boys - Mason (Ashwater) 6th, Will C (Halwill) 7th

Year 6 girls – Elizabeth (Halwill) 1st and Maisie (Halwill) 2nd

Year 6 boys - Charlie H (Halwill) 4th



A special mention must go to Amelia, Bradley and Mason for ranking in the top 10. Coming from a small school, these children have particularly shown superb demonstration of resilience and an 'Aim High' attitude, when running against so many other children in different schools. Well done!

Miss Frayn and the office staff are in the process of organising the Cross Country event to Great Torrington School (GTS) on 15<sup>th</sup> October, once coaches, staffing and risk assessments are complete a letter will be sent out. Places to this event are limited by GTS so the results of the Holsworthy competition will be used to invite children to this. GTS will not be extending the invitation to parent spectators on this occasion.

A huge thank you to Miss Frayn and the office staff for organising these events, which give the children added enrichment. A huge amount of behind the scenes organisation is involved, particularly when events are so early in the academic year and teachers are also busy settling in new classes and driving the curriculum forward.

Harvest Assembly Thursday 7th October at 9:15 am

Rev. Skinner will be joining us on Thursday for the Harvest Assembly and parents are warmly invited to this but please kindly follow these procedures:

- If you have access to one, please do an LFD test in the morning. This is not essential, but desirable.
- Wear a face covering while on site
- Wait outside until you are asked to come in, we will call you in small groups
- Remain in your seat and keep your chair in the position you find it in, as we will endeavour to keep some distance
- Do not come to school if you or someone you have been in contact with has symptoms of or has tested positive for COVID-19.
- Wear warm clothing as doors and windows will be open for ventilation

**Please kindly send in non-perishable foods and toiletries for our Harvest collection which will go to the food bank.** A huge thank you to those who have already sent in items, we will continue to collect items for the remainder of the week.

Parent Consultation Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 1:45 – 6:00 pm

These will be virtual because the nature of a live parent meeting requires very close contact with teachers and a variety of different parents. You will be able to book this nearer the time.

Christmas Dates

Christmas Light Switch-on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 4:30 pm

Christmas Show Evening Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 5.00 pm

Christmas Show Morning Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 9:15 am

Christmas lunch for the children will be Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Church Service will be on Friday December 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am at the Church.

We hope parents will be able to attend the Christmas show and church service but provided the COVID situation allows. This year we want to reduce the number of adults on site, for this reason, please also only attend either a morning or evening show and we may ticket the event, nearer the time. Hopefully, we have given enough notice for you to make arrangements for this.

Additional Bank Holiday and Term Dates 2022-23

As the additional Bank Holiday for the Queen's Jubilee on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022, falls in half-term, Devon County Council have advised us that staff and children can have an additional day of holiday elsewhere in the year. Governors have agreed that this will be on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022, therefore children and staff will **return to school after Christmas on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022.** Governors have agreed the term dates for 2022 -23. They can be found here on our website: <https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/halwill-primary-school/parents/term-dates/>

Keeping Safe

In assembly the children were reminded about the purpose of staff and visitor badges or stickers – they mean that we know the visiting adult is in school and we have said they can be there. Staff badges mean we know they are safe adults who work in our Federation.

We also spoke about the Carey Quality 'Be Respectful' and reminded the children of not touching or borrowing other children's things without permission and whilst we encourage sharing, if someone doesn't want you to touch their special toy / pencil case etc. then we must 'Be Respectful'. In the same way, sometimes we are happy to hold hands or give someone a hug but if someone doesn't want to, we must 'Be Respectful' and understand that they are not comfortable. We should always feel able to say if someone, child or grown up, isn't respectful and tell a safe adult.

In this way we gently introduce the idea of children keeping themselves safe. Our Relationships and Sex Education policy and curriculum follow this theme in a gentle, child friendly approach. The draft policy, accompanying documentation and parent consultation questionnaire are on our website: <https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/curriculum/relationships-and-sex-education/> The deadline for responses to the parent questionnaire was Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October, however, the response has been limited so if you would still like to respond, please do so by **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021.**

### Natasha's Law

As you may well be aware, on the 1st October 2021 a new law with regard to packaged food labelling came into force in the UK. This law is called Natasha's Law. This follows an allergen incident, where a young girl sadly died after eating a food product containing sesame which was not labelled. The law coming into force now means that any packaged item for consumer consumption must now be labelled to provide the consumer a list of the contents of the item, with particular attention paid to allergens on the current 14 allergen matrix which should be marked in bold. This law affects all packaged foods and, therefore, affects anything homemade that would be donated to a fundraiser or similar event. Any homemade items would need to have a list of ingredients provided in order to comply with the law.

Due to Natasha's Law the catering team have now put in place a robust labelling of ingredients. Any item in a package will now have to carry a label.

All ingredients used for cookery activities will need to be shared with parents before the activity

Any items sent in for birthdays should be pre-packaged with full ingredients. Please do not send in home-made items.

Mrs Ruh Alford  
Executive Headteacher

### The Carey Qualities



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>
	Faith William Thomas	Charlie 'C' Elisabeth		



Dear Parents/Carers

We are receiving feedback that a lot of parents are requesting their NHS number and having to wait to receive a letter back. Please do not wait for a letter, if you have the NHS number then please do add it to the electronic consent but if you are experiencing problems with this, we have ensured that this is not a mandatory field therefore please continue with the consent without the NHS number.

For the schools that are yet to receive their electronic consent links we are sending these out in a phased way and you will receive them in due course.

Many thanks.

Immunisation Team

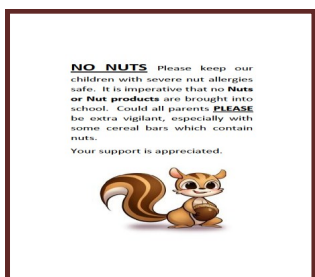
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Please note that we have not received our electronic consent link yet.

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.

#### *Dates for your diary:*

##### October

7th Harvest Assembly 9.15am

25th to 29th HALF TERM

##### November

1st Non-pupil day

2nd Non-pupil day

9th Parent Consultations 1.45-6.00pm

22nd Flu Immunisations

##### December

1st Christmas Light 'Switch On' 4.30pm

6th Christmas Show Evening 5.00pm

8th Christmas Show Morning 9.15am

15th Christmas Lunch

17th Christmas Church Service 9.15am at the Church

17th End of Term

##### January

5th Children return to school

