

Ashwater Primary School

Newsletter No.6 Autumn Term.

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Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Dear Parents,

We have reached the final week of half-term and I am so pleased with how well the children have settled into the new academic year, new routines and for some children, new classes and new staff. The children really are 'Aiming High' in all their lessons and I am very proud of them all. We have begun our 'Recovery Programme' for this term, which means that class teachers are working with small groups of children to plug gaps in learning due to the school closures in the lockdowns. Mrs Gleed, who is familiar to the children has been covering the classes allowing the class teacher to work with the small group. Teachers will let you know if your child is receiving the catch-up support.

I couldn't be prouder of Class 2, who took part in the Torrington Cross Country event on Friday. There were approximately 500 children there in total, from a variety of primary schools. Not only did our children 'Aim High' and show great resilience in an incredibly challenging course but their behaviour was exemplary. Well done to all the children; each one finished the course, which was super!



We said goodbye to Mrs Furse in a heart-warming assembly last week. The children sang a beautiful song they had helped compose, with the help of Mrs Cawsey. You can watch a recording on our Facebook page. Thank you parents and carers who attended.

'I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone for making my last day so special. The surprise assembly was exceptional and I will remember it dearly forever. A really special thank you to all the children who sang so beautifully; they were absolutely terrific and I felt very honoured to be part of such a wonderful school. Thank you to all the staff; you had all clearly been very, very busy! Thank you to everyone for all the generous gifts, cards and kind words

'I have enjoyed working at Ashwater School for the last 15 years and I shall treasure the memories of the happy family atmosphere that the school has.

'I wish everyone well. I will miss you all.'

Mrs Furse



We welcome Mrs Ailie Wilson who started this week as the new Ashwater Administrator. Mrs Wilson will continue to be in the office on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. She will also remotely check emails on Thursday and Friday morning and again at the end of Friday to ensure important messages are passed on.

Face Coverings

You may have noticed that staff have resumed wearing face coverings. This is because of the increase in Covid rates locally. Younger children have been spoken to about why we are wearing them. We are not asking parents to wear them on site at this time, unless coming into the building. Please do contact me via the office, if you have any questions.

Ruth Hayes - Woodwind Instrumental Peripatetic Teacher

Last week Ruth Hayes led an assembly with the children and they were mesmerised by her beautiful playing. After half term, Miss Hayes will be offering music tuition in Clarinet, Flute, Saxophone and Violin to children in Year 3 and above. A form with information about pricing and how to book lessons can be found here: <https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/halwill-primary-school/parents/school-forms/>

Lessons will either be on Wednesdays or Thursdays depending on the numbers of pupils. Please arrange lessons and payment directly with Miss Hayes.

Parent Consultation Tuesday 9th November 1:30 – 6:00 pm (via Zoom)

You can now book appointments for this by the usual method at the gate with Mrs Cawsey or Miss Frayne

Wild Tribe

Friday will be Class 1's last session until the Spring Term.

It will be Class 2's turn to do Wild Tribe after half term. This will be on Fridays. Please send in wellies, waterproofs to wear over uniform (or a change of long sleeves and trousers – not jeans, if you don't have waterproofs) and a waterproof coat. Long hair must be tied up.

Class 1 will have dance and music with Miss Squire on Fridays, Pre-School will be able to join if they choose to.. Other PE sessions will continue as before.

Clubs

Information about clubs is available on our website: <https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/ashwater-primary-school/about-us/before-after-school-clubs/>

Black History Month

This month the children have had assemblies about Black role models. It is particularly important for children to know about the positive contribution Black people in this country and beyond have made in the past and make now, because due to our geographical location, the children fewer opportunity to encounter diversity.

Here are links to videos that we have been sharing:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/pshe-ks2--ks3-space-scientist/zvwxnrd> <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/pshe-ks2--ks3-ade-adeptan-paralympic-champion/zbwxnrd> <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/curations/black-history-month>

Over half term, we will be asking children to do a project about their Black History Hero. It could be someone from the past or present day. Class 2 have already begun this.

Children can present it in any way they like: a poster, a piece of writing, a fact file, a painting, a powerpoint, a booklet etc. Please upload the final project to Class Dojo and bring in the physical copy too. When we return after half term, the children will be able to share these in Friday's Celebration Assembly.

Christmas Fayre

Following the PTFA meeting yesterday, I am delighted to confirm that the PTFA will be organising a Christmas Fayre on **Saturday 11th December here at the school from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm**, subject to COVID restrictions at the time.

Have a lovely half term and we look forward to seeing the children on Wednesday 3rd November.

Mrs Ruh Alford

Executive Headteacher

Wednesday	Club: Sports Club Teacher: Scott Hayler (Budehaven)	KS1 & KS2	Starting 3rd Nov to Dec 15 3.30-4.30pm Runs for 6 weeks £6

Message from School Admissions

If any families still need to apply for a secondary school place, you need to do so before the 31st October. The easiest way is to apply online by visiting www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline

The Carey Qualities



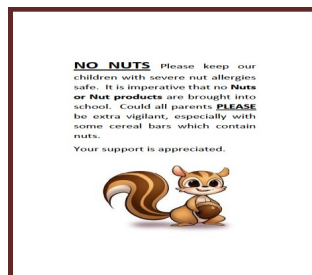
Each Friday children are awarded certificates in our Celebration Assembly for making a significant effort to develop one of our Carey Qualities. Last week the following children were awarded certificates. Well done to them all.

For building Relationships	For being Resilient	For being Resourceful	For being Reflective	For being Respectful
All children	All children	All children	All children	All children

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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

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

12th Christmas Fayre 11am - 2pm

15th Christmas Lunch

17th Christmas Church Service 9.15am at the Church

17th End of Term

January

5th Children return to school

