



Ashwater Primary School

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Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Dear Parents,

Thank you for taking part in the virtual Parent Consultation last week. It was very strange not to have you all in school but I hope you found it valuable. The teachers' feedback is very positive and they found the meetings very useful. They were also pleased the technology seemed to work! If you weren't able to make last week's appointment, please arrange a telephone meeting with your child's teacher, they will be happy to organise this for you.

Christmas: Last week, we sent out our Christmas programme, which is attached to this newsletter,

The Christmas tree is up! Thank you to the PTFA for providing this and to Andy Moakes, Federation Health and Safety Lead for taking on the mammoth task of putting it up. Tomorrow (Wednesday 2nd December) there will be a slightly later collection for Pre-School children at 3:15 pm as they will take part in the Christmas Tree Light Switch-On. Unfortunately parents won't be able to attend this.

Please do see the attached Christmas programme for full details of events and dates. Please note if you are sending in Christmas cards, please ask children to fold in the envelope flap rather than licking it! The cards will be quarantined before distribution.

Bags2School A huge thank you to the PTFA and to the whole community for collecting a phenomenal 900kg which has made £270. This is just brilliant.



Christmas Hamper Donation Request: The PTFA have asked if parents would kindly donate towards the Christmas hampers. We have kindly had a few things donated from local supermarkets, however, we still need some more things to fill the three hampers. Items requested include: Christmas pudding/cakes, crackers, cranberry sauce, mince pies, crackers for cheese, shortbread, chocolate biscuits, after dinner mints, drinks, wine, chocolate log, panettone and boxes of chocolates.

The PTFA will leave a box at the gate so parents can put their donations in it when they drop their children off. The box will be there from Monday 7th Dec until Friday 11th December. Thank you in anticipation.

Music Lessons with Alex Rogozinski: These will resume on Friday 4th December as the lockdown restrictions will have been lifted.

After School Clubs: We hope to resume these after Christmas. Further details will follow.

NSPCC 'Speak out. Stay safe' Virtual Assembly 27th November 2020: On Friday we shared an online assembly and from the NSPCC. 'Speak out. Stay safe' is a safeguarding programme which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse in a child friendly, interactive way. Children were taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a trusted adult or Childline.

The NSPCC have developed an online version of their Speak out. Stay safe. programme to help overcome some of the challenges that the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has presented in relation to having external speakers in school. In the online assembly, the Speak out. Stay safe. messages continue to be delivered in a fun and interactive way with the help of their mascot Buddy as well as special guest appearances from Ant and Dec.

We studied the content of the materials and are extremely confident that they are appropriate for primary-school-aged children and help them feel empowered – knowing how they can speak out and stay safe.

If you would like to know more about the Speak out. Stay safe. programme you can find more information on the NSPCC website www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout or I would be happy to discuss any questions that you may have.

Mrs Ruh Alford Executive Headteacher

Christmas lunch is on Wednesday 16th December.

To help with catering numbers, please order as soon as possible using the schoolmoney ordering system. Thank you

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
Millie Kitana		Logan		

Dates for your diary:

December

16th Christmas Lunch (Please order through schoolmoney)

18th Last day of term

January 2021

4th Term Starts

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 in the Afternoon

If trying to contact the school in the afternoon when the office is closed and if you need to speak to us urgently **please call (No texts please) the school mobile number (temporary number): 07375 958482** 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

Wishing you all a very
Merry Christmas
and a prosperous New Year



Wednesday 2nd December

3:00 pm: Christmas Tree Light Switch-On for pupils and staff only.

Please can Pre-School children be collected at 3:15pm

1st & 14th December

The Christmas Card Post Box will be ready on Tuesday 1st Dec. To enable cards to quarantine, please note that the last day to post will be 14th December and cards will be handed out on the 17th December.

Wednesday 16th December

Christmas lunch -children can wear a Christmas jumper or something Christmassy (even some tinsel) in aid of Save the Children.

1:30 pm Children will join a virtual Devon Big Sing.

Thursday 17th December

9:30 am Federation Christmas Show Assembly. Children will watch each others' virtual show and sing carols via Zoom.—for pupils, staff and governors.

1:30 pm Children's Christmas Party—Children to wear party clothes to school and bring a plate of party food for themselves. (no nuts please)

That evening, the virtual Christmas Show will be shared via Dojo and Facebook.

Father Christmas will also visit (socially distanced). His elves will let us know
when!