



Ashwater Primary School

Newsletter No.2 Autumn Term.

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Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Dear Parents,

The term is progressing quickly and we have already completed two weeks. I am pleased that children have settled in well and are enjoying being back.

Winter Illness

The usual colds are circulating and of course we all remain vigilant for Covid -19 symptoms. I am very aware that testing is incredibly challenging at the moment so I hope the following will make it clearer to know what to do if your child is unwell.

If children pick up winter colds, they may still attend school but if you feel your child is not well enough please keep them at home until they have recovered. However, if you or your child has any of the following COVID-19 symptoms you must stay at home and get a test.

- A high temperature (37.8°C or above) – feeling hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- A new continuous cough meaning coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours - if you usually have a cough it may be worse than usual.
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste meaning you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different from normal.

To get a test use the link address below, if the test result is positive you must inform the school. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

I am aware that it is currently very difficult to get a test. If you are struggling, please email

d-cgg.devon.urgenttesting@nhs.net and state you have a child attending a Devon school, if you are still unable to get a test, let us know and we will try to help.

If you are worried about your symptoms or are not sure what to do use the NHS 111 online service, do not visit your GP surgery, hospital or pharmacy. <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19/>

You may leave your home to get a test but otherwise you should remain at home, not attend school and not have visitors to your home. If your child seems very unwell, is getting worse or you think there is something seriously wrong, call 999.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the school. Please also see the attached poster and letter from Public Health Devon.

Thank you for your continuing support and understanding in this challenging time.

After-School Clubs

Unfortunately because we are only able to provide outdoor after-school clubs this year, we will only be able to offer multi-skills by Budehaven on Wednesday's for this half term. Our Wednesday club will commence this week (tomorrow 23rd). A club consent form must be completed if your child wishes to attend after-school club, (forms have been sent home today, they are also available on the website or are available from a member of staff) completed forms should be given to a member of staff in the morning when they greet your child.

There will be no charge for after-school clubs this half term, but from after October half term there will be a charge of £1 .00 per pupil per club session. Payment will need to be made via our School Money online service. More details will be sent out nearer to the time.

Wednesday	Club: Multi-skills Teacher: Budehaven	KS1 & KS2	Starting 23 rd September 3.30-4.30pm Runs for 5 weeks
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Morning Health Club

Please continue to book Morning Health Club sessions using our school money app **and also please tell a staff member that you have booked.**

Survey

Thank you to parents who completed the survey prior to the summer holidays. Please see the results attached. We were really pleased with the very positive feedback and have already actioned the constructive feedback, which we welcome. Please note this is a Federation survey and both Ashwater and Halwill parental results are included. We haven't shared the breakdown of school or class responses to ensure parents' anonymity is maintained.

Spare clothes

Wellies and coats need to be brought in by ALL children on Tuesdays for our Orienteering sessions.

On Fridays, Class 2 come in Uniform and trainers and Class 1 need waterproofs and wellies.

Please could children in Pre-School and Class 1 bring in a spare change of clothes in case of accidents.

Mrs Ruh Alford Executive Headteacher

The PTFA have compiled a 'Riddles' Quiz. The Quiz Sheet can be purchased for £1 and the prize for the winning entry will be a food hamper. Please see Emma Kirk if you would like to have a go.

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.



Dates for your diary:

October

14th Flu Vaccinations YR - Y6

26th - 30th HALF TERM

November

2nd Non Pupil Day

3rd Non Pupil Day

4th Term starts

December

18th Last day of term

January 2021

4th Term Starts

Contacting Ashwater School in the Afternoon

If trying to contact the school in the afternoon we will endeavour to answer calls on the main number. If the call is unanswered and you need to contact us urgently **please call (No texts please) the school mobile number: 07535 974121 or contact Halwill school on 01409 221476**