



Ashwater Primary School

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Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Dear Parents,

Home-Learning and Homework

Last week I wrote to parents to share our Remote Learning Policy. Now that we have reopened fully, inevitably children and staff will need to self-isolate due to COVID-19 symptoms and there may be further localised or national lockdowns.

This policy only applies to children isolating due to COVID-19 symptoms (their own or a member of their household). If a child's absence is not due to COVID-19 symptoms, then we understand they are too ill to be in school and therefore too ill to learn at home, so no remote learning will be set.

Here is a link to the full policy which has all the details of different scenarios and expectations for different ages, so please do refer to it:

<https://www.thecarey federation.co.uk/home-learning-information/>

In summary please:

Inform school of the reason for isolation e.g. your child has COVID-19 symptoms via telephone or e-mail before 9:00 am

Tell school if your child is well enough to do home-learning or not

If your child is well enough, access the ClassDojo page on a daily basis (tasks will be uploaded by 11:00 am)

Establish a daily routine and provide an appropriate space and support for learning

Support children to access video and live lessons

Supervise use of on-line resources

Support your child to upload their learning to ClassDojo by 3:30pm

Contact class teacher/Safeguarding Lead if you have any concerns

Teachers will respond to activities by 6:00pm via ClassDojo portfolio

You will receive a support phone call home from a teacher / TA after 3 days

We are also setting homework via ClassDojo to keep children in the habit of using it, should it be needed at short notice. If they haven't already, teachers will provide children with a home-learning book to be used for homework and any remote learning as a result of isolation or lockdown.

Please note, the ClassDojo is the platform for communication about learning and the office email and telephone are for all other matters.

Special Lunch Menu: Thursday 1st October

We have a special USA themed lunch menu on Thursday of hot dog / veggie hot dog / jacket potato with beans and cheese. We really hope that as many children as possible in YR, Y1 & Y2 will have a lunch on this day as it is the first of two national Census Days for schools. The uptake of meals on this day is used to calculate our funding for the free meals for infants. If we don't get the full uptake then the kitchen may need to be subsidised by money that should go towards the curriculum. Thank you for your support with this. If you had already booked the original meal, please kindly rebook for Thursday. I am sorry for the inconvenience but really appreciate your help in this.

Assemblies

We had our first Celebration Assembly last week. The focus was on our school motto: Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other. Children of all ages focused well and were able to give examples of when they had aimed high and been resilient, such as when learning to ride their bikes, falling off and getting back up again. They also talked about taking care of friends who are lonely as well as looking after our world. Well done to those who received certificates this week; their names are in this week's newsletter.

Clothing Reminders

All children must have a labelled coat everyday please.

TUESDAY - Class 1&2 need wellies and coats for Orienteering.

WEDNESDAY - Class 1 & 2 to come in PE kits (plain white t-shirt and black shorts) and tracksuits as it is getting colder.

FRIDAY - Class 1 **should ideally bring waterproofs and wellies to wear over their uniform.** If they don't have waterproofs then some other long clothing to cover arms and legs (not jeans) should be sent in. **Unfortunately, the Wild Tribe provider's risk assessment will not allow children to take part if they have bare arms or legs.** In addition long hair must be tied up. Wild Tribe will continue after half term for Class 1.

Class 2 should come in uniform and wear trainers.

Pupil Premium

COULD YOUR CHILD BE ENTITLED TO A SUBSIDY TOWARDS THE COST OF RESIDENTIAL OR DAY TRIPS, SPORTING EVENTS, SCHOOL UNIFORM, EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, BREAKFAST CLUB, AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS AS WELL AS FREE SCHOOL MEALS IN KS2?

If you are in receipt of any of the following, your child could be entitled to a subsidy towards the cost of the above:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit.

Children who receive any of the above benefits in their own right (i.e. they get benefits payments directly, instead of through a parent or guardian) can also get free school meals.

Please apply even if your child is in Foundation, Year 1 or Year 2 and receives a meal under the Universal Infant Free School Meals Scheme. As well as financially benefiting as described above, your child may receive additional learning support where appropriate because of the additional funding that school receives from Government for known free school meals pupils.

How to apply

Through the Citizen Portal (https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCCSCitizenPortal_live)

which is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in you getting an instant decision.

Parents and carers can also ring the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019 or contact the school office.

Staff News

Mrs Louise Watts , has decided to hang up her bunsen burner after 14 years as a science teacher here at Ashwater School to spend more time with her family. She will be a great loss to the school and missed by all. However we do understand her decision and wish her well and hope she enjoys the much deserved family time.

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		Jack	Logan	Josh

Wednesday	Club: Multi-skills Teacher: Budehaven	KS1 & KS2	Starting 23 rd September 3.30-4.30pm Runs for 5 weeks
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The PTFA have organised for a Bag2School collection.

The bags are expected to arrive with us during October and our collection will be from outside the school

on **Thursday 26th November at 9am**. Each child will be sent home with a bag and a letter which will give details of what can be sent. Please start collecting now and don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!



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**

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

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.



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