



Ashwater Primary School

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Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Dear Parents,

Many thanks for your support with ordering school lunches for last Thursday, which was Census Day. Your orders will directly impact on our funding so this is greatly appreciated. I am pleased to say that generally lunch orders have increased throughout the school, this makes the kitchen more cost effective to run. I am also pleased that more children are enjoying a hot lunch, many thanks to our cook Clare Baker for her excellent food and to Lucy Webster for serving it.

Read, Write Inc. Phonics Programme: Prior to the lockdown we began extensive research into the merits of introducing Read, Write Inc. as a phonics, reading and spelling programme. The programme is backed by the DfE and has a proven track record in giving children of all abilities a strong foundation to enable them to become fluent readers. Unfortunately, the lockdown delayed the start of the implementation of this programme but I am delighted to say we are now fully embarking on it and with children having missed 4 months of schooling, it is needed more than ever. I am delighted to tell you that we have been awarded £3000 of match funding from the Ilsham English Hub to purchase the resources and training. Many thanks to Mrs Cawsey who supported me with this audit and who is the Read, Write Inc. leader.

Children in Years R – 6 have been assessed and we have begun giving phonics lessons in small groups or to individuals, as appropriate. In this way, teaching will closely match their current ability. After 4 weeks, the children will be reassessed and if appropriate, regrouped so children will always be in the correct group for them. The idea is not to rush through groups but to solidly embed the phonics so they can become fluent readers. Soon the Pre-School children will also be involved in the Read, Write Inc. programme.

After half term we will arrange a virtual parents' meeting to help you understand this new programme. In the meantime please see the following video, which gives an introduction to the programme. Please don't be tempted to buy any resources yourself; we will be providing books to the children at the appropriate time. <https://youtu.be/sjIPILhk7bQ>

Here is a helpful video to help with the pronunciation of the letter sounds as it is really important to get this right from the start.

<https://youtu.be/TkXcabDUg7Q>

MyPlans: If your child requires additional support, teachers create MyPlans which outline provision for children. Usually we invite parents in to review and contribute to this but unfortunately we aren't able to have these meeting on site this year. Therefore, teachers will soon be sending two copies of the MyPlan home to parents. From the week of 12th September, teachers will arrange a telephone meeting with parents of children with MyPlans to discuss and agree them. Please sign and return the second copy to the class teacher for our records.

Premier League Football Team Kit: Thank you and well done to Miss Frayn, Federation PE Lead, who applied to the Premier League to provide us with a new kit for our Federation football team. I am delighted to say her application was successful and last week we received a full set of Nike football kit! It is just unfortunate that there are no matches at the moment but I am sure once these resume our team will look very smart.



Flu Vaccinations – A message from the School Aged Immunisation Team: Devon Immunisation Team have been made aware that a letter from NHS England and NHS Improvement is being sent to all parent/carers of children eligible for the flu nasal vaccination. Parents have already started to receive these letters and it is causing some confusion around the process of consent. We would like to reassure parents that at this time they don't need to bring these letters and as long as they have completed the consent link provided by Virgin Care Services then their child will be vaccinated at the planned school session on 14th October. Any changes to this process will be clearly communicated from ourselves if/when changes are made. This is not something we have control of locally, it is a national NHS drive to ensure parent/carers of all eligible children are aware of the flu vaccination programme. Yours sincerely School Aged Immunisation Team

Music Lessons with Mr Rogozinski: From this Friday, Alex Rogozinski's lessons will take place in the morning, rather than the afternoon. This means that all children can all take part in Celebration Assembly.

Ventilation vs Heating: One of the many challenges we face as we move deeper into autumn is balancing the need to keep classrooms ventilated while ensuring the children don't get too cold. Balancing the two is not easy. Stuffy, hot rooms are real breeding grounds for germs but likewise, we don't want the children getting cold and going home feeling unwell. We will try to balance the two and keep a regular check on the room temperature. It may be worth thinking about an extra layer if your child suffers from the cold at all.

Birthday Treats: There have been a number of queries regarding whether children can bring in birthday treats during the current situation. I feel very sorry for children who have had a birthday since March as many have missed out on parties and celebrating in the usual way. I think it would be very miserable of us not to allow children to bring in birthday treats but please ensure the following, the first two points are specific to the pandemic situation:

They are not home-made but shop bought

They come in individual packaging

They do not contain nuts

Celebration Assembly: Last week's assembly focused on two of our Carey Qualities: Be Respectful and Be Reflective, we talked about the importance of Being Respectful to all people, whether we agree with their viewpoint or not and whatever their background or belief. We looked at the Jewish festival of Yom Kippur which took place the previous weekend; on this day Jewish people reflect and say sorry for things they have done wrong. We discussed Being Reflective after an argument with a friend or if we have done something wrong and the importance of saying sorry. I was very impressed with the knowledge and understanding Class 2 particularly had about Yom Kippur. Well done to those who received a certificate.

Cyber Protect: Devon and Cornwall Police are offering webinars about cyber safety to businesses and organisations. The lockdown has seen (sadly) a rise in Cyber Crime so this may be of interest to you. Details below:



Devon and Cornwall Police
Cyber Protect Officers

Are you prepared for the threat of cybercrime?
...we are here to help protect YOU

Whether you own a business or are part of an organisation or community group we can provide:

- Bespoke webinars
- Presentations and seminars
- Training and workshops
- Cyber attack simulation
- Decisions and Disruptions
- NCSC's Exercise in a Box

Our cybercrime awareness sessions can be tailored to your requirements and cover topics such as:

- Safe home-working
- Business Email Compromise
- Ransomware • Phishing • 2FA / MFA
- Passwords • Data Breaches
- Social Media • App security

And guess what... its FREE!

Contact us!
Laura Cowie (Devon) or Grahame Mace (Cornwall) for further info: cyberprotect@dc.police.uk

And follow us on Twitter / Instagram @DC_CyberProtect

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
			Millie William Carly Arthur	

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 are having their AGM on the 9th November at 1.30pm via zoom. If anyone would like to attend please let Natasha know by emailing tash1989@hotmail.co.uk.

Anyone welcome, we would love some more members.



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!

Dates for your diary:

October

14th Flu Vaccinations YR - Y6

26th - 30th HALF TERM

31st Deadline for Secondary School application (Y6's)

November

2nd Non Pupil Day

3rd Non Pupil Day

4th Term starts

9th PTFA AGM 'Zoom'

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**

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

Ashwater Parish Council is seeking a Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer

The Council is looking to appoint a Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer starting as soon as possible to work on average 4 hours per week paid pro rata according to the NJC pay scale which commences at £8.87 rising to £11.78 per hour according to training and experience.

The role involves advising and working with Councillors, supporting Council meetings and implementing Council decisions for which the position requires good financial, administrative, organisational, computer and communication skills. The Clerk will work from home and attend a minimum of 12 evening meetings per year on the second Wednesday of the month, in the Ashwater Parish Hall or using Zoom.

For further information, a full job description and an application form please contact the current Clerk at parishcouncil@ashwaterparish.org.uk or the Chair, Michael Taylor, email: ashwaterpc@loneash.com

The closing date for applications is 5pm on Monday 2nd November 2020. We hope to interview candidates during the following week beginning 9th November, 2020. Interviews will be carried out using Zoom.