

Ashwater Primary School

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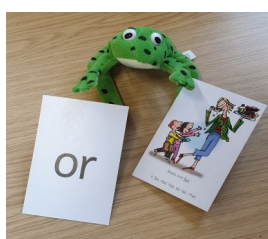
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Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Dear Parents,

Read, Write Inc. Phonics Programme: Last week I had the pleasure of teaching a Read, Write Inc. lesson to some of the Year 1 children and I was very impressed with their focus and progress as well as how much they are clearly enjoying it.

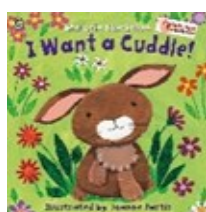
As I mentioned last week, Read, Write Inc. is a phonics, reading and spelling programme and we have been awarded £3000 of match funding from the Ilsham English Hub to purchase the resources and training. I really feel that Read, Write Inc. will have a huge impact on children's progress. The English language is incredibly challenging to read compared to other languages such as French, Spanish and even Arabic, as in these languages there generally is only one way to say each letter or group of letters. This clip from the classic sitcom, 'I Love Lucy' is an amusing remind what our children are up against: <https://youtu.be/uZV40f0cXF4>



Your children may have started to talk about 'Fred the Frog' and 'Fred Talk'. There will be a session for parents after half term (date to be confirmed) but in the meantime, here is a video to help you to understand 'Fred Talk': https://youtu.be/dEzfpod5w_Q

MyPlans: 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.

Celebration Assembly: Last week's assembly focused on one of our Carey Qualities: 'Be Resourceful' and linked in to the importance of being fascinated and curious through reading. We talked about Malorie Blackman, the well regarded children's author and Children's Laureate. Many of Malorie's books, including Noughts and Crosses will be great reads for children when they are of secondary age but Malorie has also written some lovely books for younger children, one of these is called, 'I want a cuddle'. I promised Class 1 that I would bring my copy in to share with them this week. As it is 'Black History Month', Malorie is a great British role model to discuss with children, especially as her first novel was rejected 80 times by publishers so she certainly had to 'Be Resilient'.



Harvest Celebration: Harvest is an important time of the year, particularly as many of our children are from farming families. Harvest allows us to give thanks and value the contribution our local farmers provide to the country and beyond. Unfortunately, we will not be able to invite parents and the wider community in to celebrate this year so instead we will put together a virtual assembly, which will be shared on Friday 23rd October via Class Dojo and the school Facebook page. We are mindful that some of our community are still very isolated and they really appreciate the cheer the children's presentations can offer. **Please ensure you have returned the permissions sheet**, sent earlier this term, so we know exactly who can and can't be included in the Facebook version of the video.

Over the next two weeks, we will also be collecting non-perishable foods and toiletries for the Holsworthy Food Bank. Please give generously if you can, as many are suffering from the financial difficulties of the pandemic so your donations will be gratefully received.

PTFA: 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. 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 today 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!

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
	Kitana William		Jayden Harry C	

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

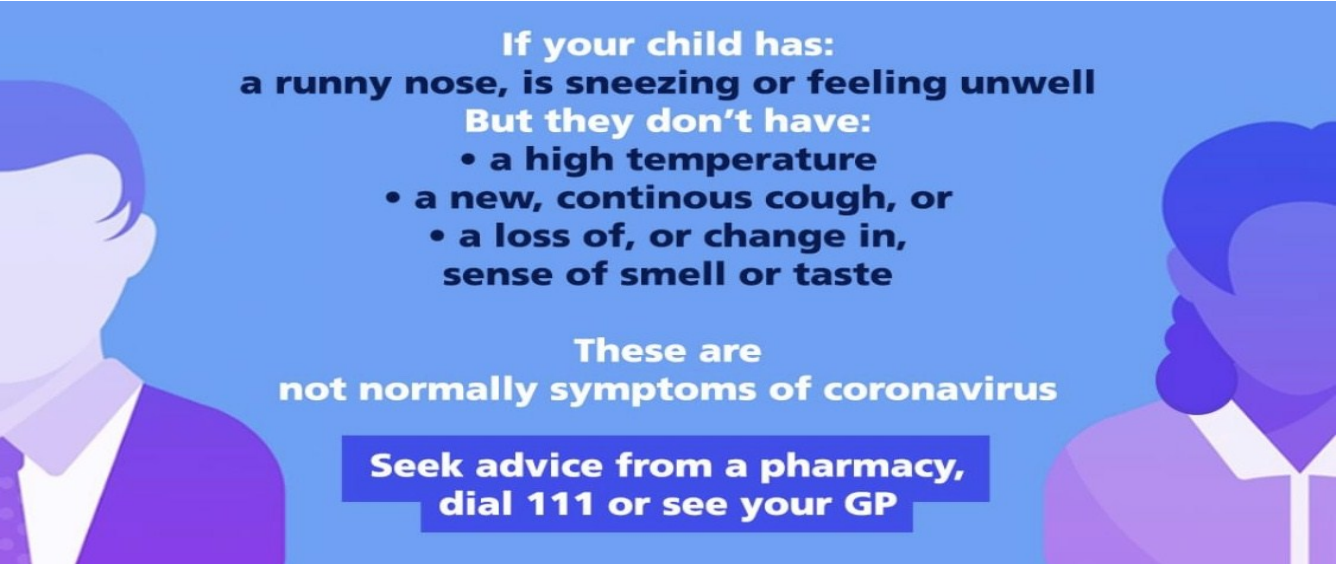
Contacting Ashwater School in the Afternoon

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.