

# Ashwater Primary School

Newsletter No.6 Autumn Term.

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## ***Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other***

Dear Parents,

I can't believe we are in the final week of the first half term. Despite the 'new normal' the children have thoroughly enjoyed being back, seeing their friends, moving forward in their learning and having a routine. We hope this continues and as it stands, Devon remains in the 'Medium' alert category. However, there is a lot of talk in the media of a national 'Circuit Breaker' which may very well come to nothing as the official government stance is that local action is the current method of choice. Nevertheless, it is worth being prepared so I wanted to remind you of the **Remote Learning Policy** and letter which were shared with you last month. Here is a link to these documents: <https://www.thecarey federation.co.uk/home-learning-information/>

Yesterday, Class 1 had a fabulous Jamaica Day, which celebrated all the children have learnt this term in their topic. The children have enjoyed lots of different activities today, some of which will feature in their Harvest Assembly. Tomorrow, weather permitting; Class 2 will have a multi-skills session with Mr Wes Pugh of Holwsorthy College.

Clubs: For many years we have been able to offer after school clubs free of charge, however, this is no longer sustainable. Therefore, after half term clubs will cost £1 per session, payable in advance for the half term via School Money. Unfortunately we cannot offer refunds for missed sessions.

I am sorry to have to make a charge, we have kept it as low as possible and in line with the cost at Halwill School and still considerably lower than most other schools. Children entitled to Pupil Premium (Free School Meals) will continue to be able to attend for free. If you think your child might be entitled to Pupil Premium, please apply via the Citizen's Portal here: [https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal\\_LIVE/en?ReturnUrl=%2FCCSCitizenPortal\\_live](https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/en?ReturnUrl=%2FCCSCitizenPortal_live)

We will continue to offer Multi-Skills with Budehaven on Wednesdays. Please complete and return the permission letter if you would like your child to attend and then the fee will be added to SchoolMoney.

Photos: Individual, sibling and class photos have been booked for Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021. We wanted to avoid this term as we get used to the 'new normal' ourselves. Hopefully, the weather will be fine and photos can take place outside. If not, we will create a suitable space within school to ensure we are Covid safe.

A photograph of the new Reception children joining the Year 1 children will be in the **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October edition of The North Devon Journal**. A copy will also be in either this week or next week's Holsworthy Post.

Enrichment After Half Term: All enrichment activities will continue as they have been and change-over will take place in January. Here is a reminder:

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.

Class 2 should come in uniform and wear trainers and will continue with Performing Arts.

Celebration Assembly: Last week the theme was 'Be Safe'. We looked at the badges, staff, visitors and governors wear to help us know they are safe people. Children were reminded to tell an adult if they see someone without a badge.

As it was World Mental Health Day, the previous Saturday, we talked about feelings and that we may sometimes feel sad, angry, stressed or worried and that there are lots of things we can do make ourselves feel better and look after our Mental Health but sometimes worries or feelings can be too big for us to cope with on our own so finding someone to talk to can really help. Children were told that their teachers and teaching assistants are there for them to talk to if they need to. Here is the video we used as a stimulus: <https://youtu.be/nCrieVx3-Js>

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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

We are also 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. Thank you to those who have already donated.

**PTFA News:** There were 8 people who got all the answers to our 'Riddles' quiz correct:

Jane Crocombe, Sarah Grylls, Pauline Lake, Katie Beare, Mary Tomes, Lin Jennings, Helen Hazell and Carolyn Medland.

The winner was picked out by Mrs Cawsey and it was Pauline Lake. A huge thank you to everyone who took part, we raised £70 for the school 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.

Parents may wish to hold off buying their Christmas cards as the children have been busy designing their own; they will be available to order soon.

**Non - Pupil Days** A reminder that **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** are non-pupil days so the first day back for the children will be **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November**. I wish you a restful half term.

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 <b>Relationships</b>	For being <b>Resilient</b>	For being <b>Resourceful</b>	For being <b>Reflective</b>	For being <b>Respectful</b>
	Alfie Reuben		Verity Amelia	

Wednesday	Club: Multi-skills  Teacher: Budehaven	KS1 & KS2	Starting 4th November 3.30-4.30pm Runs for 6 weeks £6
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### ***Dates for your diary:***

#### **October**

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**

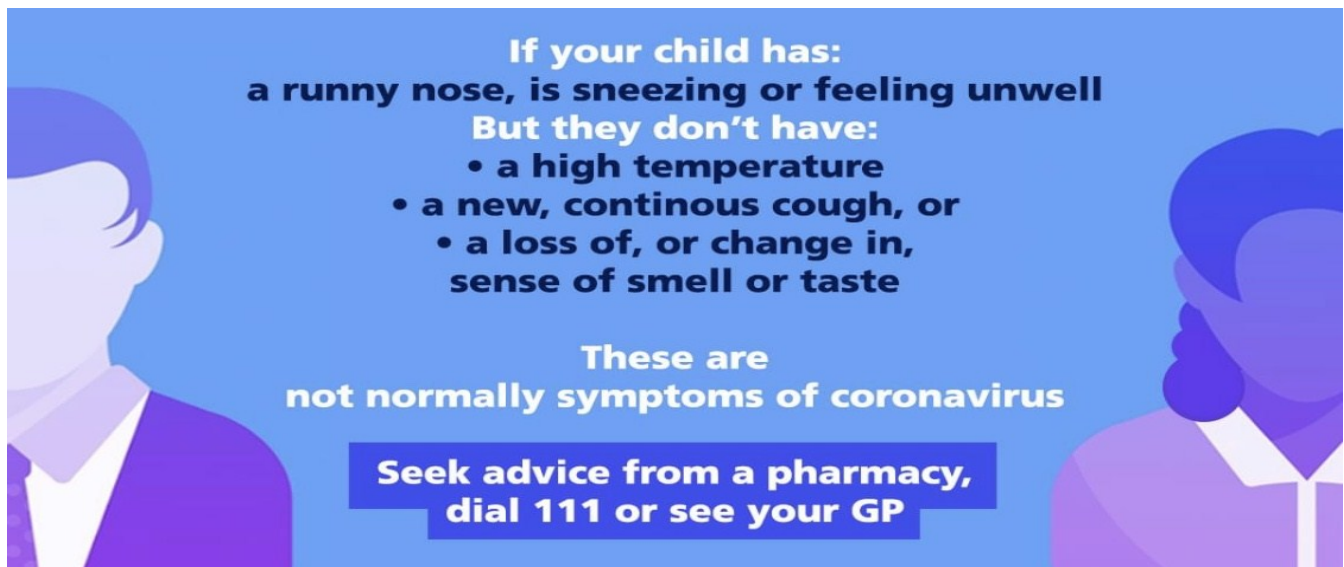
4th *Term Starts*

**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 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**

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**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**

An infographic with a blue background and stylized purple and blue silhouettes of people. The text is white and yellow. It lists symptoms that could be a sign of coronavirus.

**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](mailto:parishcouncil@ashwaterparish.org.uk) or the Chair, Michael Taylor, email: [ashwaterpc@loneash.com](mailto: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.

# Ashwater After School Clubs

Wednesday	Club: Multi-Skills Teacher: Budehaven	KS1 & KS2	4 <sup>th</sup> Nov to 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec 3.30-4.30pm Runs for 6 weeks £6
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## Ashwater After School Club

Child name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

You will be billed through SchoolMoney on receipt of this form.

My child will be collected by: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical or special arrangements that your child may require: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my child named above to take part in the named after school club.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete a new form for EACH club.**

**By completing this form, you agree to pay through SchoolMoney for this club.**

**Thank you**

**Clubs are free if you qualify for Free School Meals. Please tick this box if this applies [ ]**