



Ashwater Primary School

Newsletter No.7 Autumn Term.

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Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term. As you know we are now in Lockdown 2. We are pleased that schools have remained open for the education and wellbeing of the children. We have had to make a few changes, all correspondence sent last week can be found here: <https://www.thecarey federation.co.uk/halwill-general-info/>

In summary, adults in school are now wearing face coverings and after school clubs and music tuition with Mr Rogozinski have been cancelled.

Morning Club continues this half term as do the following lessons. **Please note PE kit is a white t-shirt and black shorts and in colder weather children should wear dark leggings / dark tracksuit bottoms and red school jumper.**

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

WEDNESDAY - Class 1 & 2 to come in PE kits.

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.

Harvest Celebration: I hope you enjoyed the virtual Harvest Assembly. The children were excellent in presenting, dancing and singing. Their harvest themed art work was also wonderful. A huge thank you for your donations for the Food Bank.

Children in Need Day Friday 13th November: Children can come to school in non-uniform (mufti) on Friday and wear something spotty if they wish to. A reminder that clothing should be suitable for school and the weather.

Remembrance: The children have been learning about the significance of this occasion. On Wednesday 11/11 we will be having a special Remembrance Assembly for children and staff of Ashwater and Halwill Schools via Zoom. Rev. Skinner will be leading the prayers and the children will be contributing. I am sorry that we aren't able to invite parents to this or have our usual Remembrance Assembly but the changes have provided the opportunity to link up all the children in the Federation, which I think will make it special.

Sadly, there are no poppies in school to sell this year so we suggest that if each child brings in a voluntary donation of **£2 for Friday's Mufti Day, we will split the total between Children in Need and the Royal British Legion.**



Parent Consultation: This is an important opportunity for teachers to meet with parents to share academic progress and to discuss any pastoral issues. Obviously this year we are unable to do these meetings in person. Therefore these will be done via Zoom and you will also receive a short written report. Please contact the school office via email or telephone or speak to a class teacher at drop-off or pick-up to book your 10 minute appointment. Joining instructions will be sent to you via Class Dojo nearer the time. Meeting times are available on Tuesday 24th November 1:30 – 6:00 pm

Read, Write, Inc. I have been into all the groups and can see that the children are really benefiting and enjoying the new Read, Write, Inc. programme. They have all been re-assessed and some may now be in different groups. We have introduced the reading book element, this carefully ties the phonic sounds taught to the reading book. In the next week or so, the children are now bringing the books home and you will receive a letter from Mrs Cawsey, our Reading Leader to explain how the reading book system works. This video shows how re-reading the books which are carefully matched to phonic sounds already learnt enables great progress: <https://youtu.be/-6dSsXkD1wM>

Ashwater PTFA: Yesterday, the PTFA held their AGM. I want to personally thank the PTFA and all members of the community who have so generously donated and contributed to the PTFA events. As a result the school has directly benefited in the following ways:

Contribution given to school resources including reading books, from Sept 2019 – August 2020: £646

Contributions related to improving children's experiences, including a visit from the poet Rob Pudner: £405.33

Payments made this academic year so far: KS2 books £120

Celebration Assembly: As it was a short week, we didn't give out certificates. The theme was 'Being Safe' and 'Taking Care of Each Other'. We looked at why adults are wearing face coverings in school and reminders about handwashing. We also talked about the current lockdown and that although we are still coming to school, we may not be able to see friends and family outside of school. This will be hard for us but it is part of 'Taking Care of Each Other'. We also revised fireworks and bonfire safety.

Mrs Ruh Alford

Executive Headteacher

Christmas lunch is on Wednesday 16th December.

To help with catering numbers, please order as soon as possible using the schoolmoney ordering system. Thank you



Dates for your diary:

November

13th Children In Need (non-uniform)

26th Bag2School Collection 9am

December

16th Christmas Lunch (Please order through schoolmoney)

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 when the office is closed and if you need to speak to us urgently **please call (No texts please) the school mobile number: 07535 974121 or contact Halwill school on 01409 221476.**