



Ashwater Primary School

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Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Dear Parents,

Last Wednesday, 11th November, we held our Federation Remembrance Assembly via Zoom. Technology enabled a very special and poignant assembly, during which children from both Halwill and Ashwater Schools watched each other's class bubbles take their turn to share the significance of Remembrance, read poems and share art work of poppies. Rev. Stephen Skinner led the prayers and silence at 11:00 am, which the children observed respectfully. It was a really special occasion and I am very proud of all the children.

On Friday, children celebrated Children In Need by coming to school in mufti. Thank you for donating; in total, across the Federation we collected £212.01 of which a large proportion was raised by Ashwater, which is excellent given our size. This will be shared equally between Children in Need and the Royal British Legion.

Odd Socks Day Friday 20th November: This week is Anti-Bullying Week. Teachers will be talking about this in class with the children and I will be sharing a virtual assembly from the NSPCC with the children in Celebration Assembly. On Friday, children and staff are also invited to wear 'odd socks' to school to celebrate difference and diversity. Judging by my laundry basket, odd socks are likely to be plentiful in most households! We are not asking for a donation for this.

Chrome Books: I am delighted to tell you that we are purchasing 10 Chrome Books for Ashwater Primary School. Chrome Books are like laptops but everything is web based. Our current tablets are almost unusable which makes teaching extremely limiting. The new Chrome Books will enable the children to develop their computing skills, allowing us to develop 21st century skills that our children will need in the future work place. We also intend to purchase a Chrome Book trolley to charge and keep the Chrome Books safely locked away.

We would not be able to make this purchase if it were not for the following very generous donations and grants, which we are all extremely grateful for.

Ashwater Parish Council have pledged to contribute £400, which shows wonderful support for the school.

Councillor Barry Parsons has pledged £500, which is in addition to the £500 he has already provided for hall smart screen.

I am very thankful and grateful for the donations; the children have written thank you letters, which we will be sending on.

PTFA Hamper Draw: The PTFA are making wonderful Christmas hampers and the children will bring home hamper draw tickets, which we ask you to please sell to friends and family. We plan to do a live draw on Facebook. This should be quite exciting and hopefully encourage lots of people to buy a ticket.

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 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

If you have difficulty with internet connection and would prefer a telephone call, please let the office or teachers know and this will be arranged.

Staff News: Mrs Westlake has decided to spend more time with her family so will sadly be leaving us later this term. She has done an excellent job in helping establish, what is now, a thriving Foundation Stage Unit and will be missed. We are currently advertising for a replacement and I will let you know when we have appointed.

Celebration Assembly: In a follow up to Remembrance, we talked about the contribution of people in the local community and that names on the war memorial in Ashwater are of local people who lost their lives. We also talked about other countries that supported Britain in WWII, in particular India. We watched this clip where the newsreader Mishal Hussein, talks about her grandfather and the British Indian Army. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FoykgiUvtiE&safe=active> The children found it really interesting and also enjoyed learning about Diwali which Hindus and Sikhs will have been celebrating this weekend. The children showed sensitivity and empathy to the changes to the festivities Hindus and Sikhs will have to make this year.

Well done to those who received a certificate.

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

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 Charlie C	Kitana George Harley	Bradley	

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

Dates for your diary:

November

26th Bag2School Collection 9am

December

16th Christmas Lunch (Please order through schoolmoney)

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 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.**