



Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Dear Parents,

Another busy week is rushing by! Don't forget there is a **Bank Holiday on Monday 6th May** so children will return to school on **Tuesday 7th May**. Let's hope for some sunny weather; we really do need it!

The Book Fair last week was very successful and it was great to see so many families coming along to support this. I hope the children enjoyed the books they bought. As a result of your purchases the school has received **£75.40** in credit towards new books for the library.



Year 5 aimed high and were resilient in developing their cycle skills and road safety, especially with the weather. Well done to all of them.



Year 6 Transition to Secondary School

Please see the following key dates:

Monday 20th May - Holsworthy College staff meeting children at Ashwater – parents to come at 3:00 pm

Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th June – Holsworthy College Transition Days



Price Increases for September 2024

As a Federation we always try to keep the cost to parents as low as possible as we know times are hard.

However, our catering costs have increased and therefore Governors have decided to increase the price of School Lunches from £2.35 to **£2.55** from September 2024.

Our Morning Club is popular but in order to ensure it is viable, Governors have agreed to increase the price from £3.00 to **£3.25** from September 2024. This is still very competitive compared to other schools.

I hope you will understand why Governors have needed to make this decision. If the school subsidises lunches and the Morning Club, this is money we cannot spend on the children's resources, teaching assistants etc.

School lunches and the Morning Health Club are free to pupils eligible for Pupil Premium. Please see details of how to apply later in the newsletter.

2 Year Old Funded Hours from April 2024

As you may be aware, funding for 15 nursery hours will be available for eligible families from April 2024. Here is more information <https://www.devon.gov.uk/eycs/for-providers/business-finance-and-funding/early-education-for-2-3-and-4-year-olds/#:~:text=From%20April%202024%2C%20up%20to,under%205s%20of%20working%20parents.>



Please ask Mrs Wilson for an updated pack with Admissions Policy from April and information on how to apply for a place or see the information here on our website <https://www.thecarey federation.co.uk/ashwater-primary-school/community/ashwater-pre-school/>

Please note we are very busy in the Pre-school so you will need to discuss with Mrs Wilson which days and hours you would like and we will do our best to accommodate you.

Medical Needs



If your child has a new medical condition that you haven't already told us about, please complete the form here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeWw5prG6_5GQHSxw3qmH_bVHxV8dLvrmsZyHsxnLzLSW2b9w/viewform?usp=sf_link

Class Page on the Website

Teachers have now updated the Class Page: <https://www.thecarey federation.co.uk/ashwater-primary-school/children/class-pages/>

Outlines of Support

Sometimes children need a little extra support or intervention. Teachers will be noting any additional support or intervention for those children that need it, on an 'Outline of Support' and will send these home in the next couple of weeks. Please note the 'Outline of Support' is not aimed at children with Special Educational Needs, as these children will have a 'My Plan'. Teachers will invite parents in to look at these together in the next couple of weeks.

If you have concerns that your child may have a Special Educational Need, please raise this with Mrs Casway, the Federation SENDCO. You can contact her via the school office to arrange a meeting.

Statutory Assessments



There are some assessments which are statutory so all schools are obliged to administer these. The tests are all set externally by the DfE and results form part of your child's record. If your child is in one of the year groups below they will be taking a statutory assessment this term. Results will be shared with you in their end of year report.

Year 6

As you know, Year 6 will sit the Key Stage 2 SATs this year. Here is a link to the Power Point shared at the recent meeting. It includes the SATs timetable, which some parents have asked about:

<https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/SATs-meeting.pres-2024.pdf>

Year 4

Year 4 children will undertake an on-line Multiplication Check. This is carried out one-to-one with a teacher over-seeing. This will take place between Monday 3rd June and Friday 14th June. To support children, please encourage them to learn their times tables and use Times Tables Rockstars frequently.

Year 1

Year 1 will undertake a Phonic Screening Check in the week of 10th June.. This is a one-to-one assessment with a teacher and tests their ability to read single words using their decoding and blending skills which they are taught during Read, Write Inc sessions. There will also be some nonsense words included. To support your child, keep hearing them read the 'Read, Write Inc' books and encourage them to sound out (or 'Fred Talk') rather than guessing the words.

Year 2 Non-Statutory Assessment

You may have heard that from this year, Year 2 SATs are no longer statutory and schools can take the decision whether to do the tests or not.

After much thought, we have taken the decision to do the tests but they will be taken much later than usual. This will allow teachers to spend time teaching the full content of the year, before the children take the test. As we will receive the test materials anyway and termly assessments are already part of the children's routine, it seems sensible to use the tests. The results will form part of your child's school assessment record, just as their end of Year 3, 4 etc. assessments will. It is likely that DCC will request the results of schools choosing to do the tests. Having discussed with other maintained school headteachers, the consensus is that schools will still do the tests.

Due to the age of the children, we try to make the tests feel like an end of term assessment that they are already used to and the children usually enjoy the challenge and rise to it. There will be four tests the children will sit: Arithmetic, Maths Reasoning and two Reading papers. Once we have confirmed when we are doing the tests, we will let you know. To support your child, please keep the 5 reads a week going and talk about the text with them to help their understanding. Please keep working on 'Reading Buddies' because this really does help with comprehension and understanding. Please continue

Protocol for Calling Parents After an Accident or Injury at School - March 2024

We have reviewed our protocol as we were finding staff were making around 10 – 15 phone calls a day and parents were then unsure if a call from school was urgent or not.

In an emergency medical situation, parents will be called as soon as possible and an ambulance will be called.

All head injuries will be followed by a call home and a bump note.

We will not call home for every bump, graze or scrape as this is not practical and could potentially water down any real emergency phone calls in terms of parents responding to calls.

Anything significant where we are concerned it might progress to something that later requires professional medical treatment e.g. possible breakage, will be called home. However, we are not medical professionals and cannot always know how an injury will progress. Our judgement will be based on our best judgement at the time.

Please be assured that all injuries, we are made aware of, are treated, logged in the Accident Book and the class teacher is informed so the child can be monitored through the day.

Safeguarding at Ashwater

The Safeguarding Team

Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs R Alford

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs Gee

Miss Frayn

Mrs R Cawsey—SENDCo

Attendance Officer:

Miss S Revers

Safeguarding Governor:

Mrs A Clark

Safeguarding—Keeping your child safe online

Remember if you have any issues regarding Safeguarding that you wish to raise, please email: safeguarding@halwill.devon.sch.uk These will come directly to a safeguarding lead.

Primary school research (autumn 2022)



- 23% of children say that they are **never asked what they do when they are online**.
- A **further 24%** say that they are rarely asked.
- 8% say that they **do not have a safe search filter** on their internet.
- 85% **do not know** if they have a safe search filter.
- 16% of children admit **to trying to look up something on the internet that they know they shouldn't**.
- 39% of these children said that they **found what they searched** for on the internet.
- 36% of children say they have **watched a live stream** on the internet.
- 43% of the children say that they **have their own mobile** phone.

What do we mean by harmful content?



- › Extremist views including terrorism
- › Self-harm and suicide ideation apps and websites
- › On-line bullying
- › Discrimination including racist, homophobic and misogynistic behaviours (INCEL)
- › Acts of violence including sexual violence
- › Pornography
- › Age-inappropriate games
- › Gambling

Where and when do children come into contact with this?

Next steps:

- Get in the game – update your knowledge of what your child is doing
- Show an interest, ask questions from a point of interest, not fear
- Add the safety measures – put on the seatbelts
- **Talk, talk and talk some more – start a conversation!**



Dates for your diary:

May

2nd	Yr 3/4 Swimming
6th	Bank holiday
9th	Yr 3/4 Swimming
20th	Holsworthy staff meeting pupils and parents—2pm children, 3pm parents.
23rd	Yr 5/6 Swimming
27th to 31st	Half term



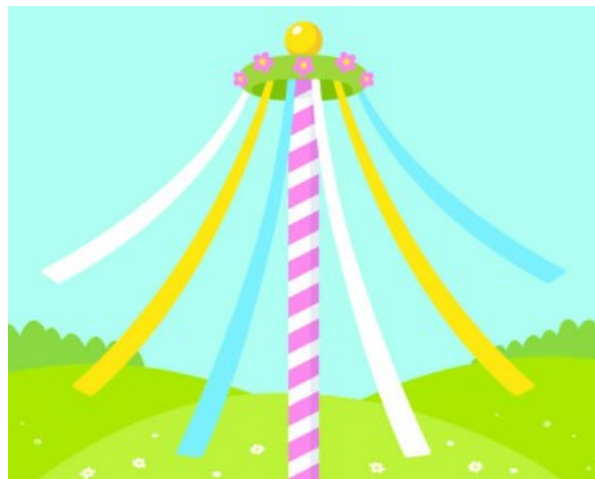
June

3rd	Non-pupil day
6th	Yr 5/6 Swimming
13th	Yr 5/6 Swimming
20th	Yr 5/6 Swimming
24th	Yr 5 & 6 Cricket Festival at HCC
25 & 26th	Holsworthy transition days—Y6
27th	YR/1 and 2 Swimming

July

4th July	YR/1 and 2 Swimming
8th	Beach Festival Y3 and 4 at Bude
11th	YR/1 and 2 Swimming
18th	YR/1 and 2 Swimming
23rd	End of term

Term dates: <https://www.thecarey federation.co.uk/halwill-primary-school/parents/term-dates/>





JESS'S DANCE ACADEMY



HATHERLEIGH

Community Centre
EX20 3HB ★ Free parking ★
Suitable for boys & girls

MONDAYS

3:15-3:45pm TINY TOES BALLET (ages 3-5)
3:45-4:15pm BALLET for Schl Yrs Receptn, 1, 2
4:15-4:45pm STREET Dance Yrs Receptn, 1 & 2
4:45-5:15pm STREET DANCE for School Yr 3-8
Children's Classes: to be paid in a 5 week
half-termly block of £20 (£4 per class)

5:30-6:15pm ADULT DANCE FIT £6 or 4 for £20

BRADWORTHY

Memorial Hall
EX22 7SZ ★ Free parking ★
Suitable for boys & girls

WEDNESDAYS

3:40-4:10pm BALLET for Schl Yrs R 1 & 2
4:10-4:40pm STREET Dance Schl Yrs R, 1 & 2
4:40-5:10pm BALLET for Schl Yrs 3, 4, 5, 6
5:10-5:40pm STREET Dance Schl Yrs 3 4 5 6
£4 per class, paid in a half or termly block.

★ Tuesdays: 6-7pm Bradworthy Hall
Adult Dance Fit, £6 weekly or 4 for £20

→ Interested in booking a workshop? Contact me to register your interest and see what other workshops I offer ←

About *Jessica Squire Dance*: Fully insured, enhanced DBS checked, safeguarding and first aid certified. Jess has over 10 years experience teaching dance: in schools, dance schools, toddler classes, hen parties, wedding dances. She trained in RAD Ballet & ISTD Modern Dance, has a Degree in Dance & English and was a professional dancer at *Disneyland Paris* & *Haven Holidays*.

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BOOK CONTACT Jess on: 07746892660 email: jessicasquire.perform@gmail.com

Why not visit: www.jessicasquire.co.uk or check out Facebook page: Jessica Squire Dance



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Holiday Requests

Please see the following message which we have been asked to share with you by Devon County Council:

We believe that in order for a pupil to fully benefit from their education, good attendance is crucial.

As of September 2013, an amendment to the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006 came in to force and greater clarity was introduced to the issue of schools authorising absence requests. These changes reinforced the Government's view that every minute of every school day is vital and that pupils should only be granted authorised absences by the school in 'exceptional circumstances'.

A family holiday is not normally considered by the Government to be an 'exceptional circumstance' and therefore will not be authorised by the school.

Should you choose to take your child out of school without the authorisation of the school, then Parental Responsibility Measures could be instigated. This could mean receiving any of the following;

- *A Penalty Notice*
- *A summons to the Magistrate Court which could result in a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a term of imprisonment for up to 3 months.*

Schools are required to notify the Local Authority if a pupil has a number of unauthorised absences. Unauthorised absences can be acquired when;

- 1) Leave has been requested, but the circumstances are such that the school is unable to authorise the leave and it is taken anyway.*
- 2) Leave is not requested and/or the school has grounds to believe that the child has been taken out of school for an avoidable reason (example – a family holiday). Only the Head teacher can authorise an absence. This year there have been occasions when schools have been notified that the pupil is sick, but the school later discovers and reasonably believes that the reason given for the absence is not genuine.*
- 3) A child continually arrives late after the registration period has closed.*

Schools need to notify the Local Authority in all of the circumstances listed above.

Should a Penalty Notice be issued as a result of unauthorised absence then one notice will be issued to each parent/carer for each child involved. Currently, each Penalty Notice is for £120, which is reduced to £60 if paid within the first 21 days. If a Penalty Notice goes unpaid after 28 days, then court proceedings will be initiated.

We understand the disappointment that the refusal of a leave request may cause, but as you can appreciate this policy represents the school's responsibility and commitment towards providing your child's education and supporting their future life opportunities.

COULD YOUR CHILD BE ENTITLED TO A SUBSIDY TOWARDS THE COST OF RESIDENTIAL OR DAY TRIPS, SPORTING EVENTS, SCHOOL UNIFORM, EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, BREAKFAST CLUB, AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS AS WELL AS FREE SCHOOL MEALS IN KS2?

If you are in receipt of any of the following, your child could be entitled to a subsidy towards the cost of the above:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).
- Income Support (IS).
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA).
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA).
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income that does not exceed £16,190).

Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment you get for a further 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).

Please apply even if your child is in Foundation, Year 1 or Year 2 and receives a meal under the Universal Infant Free School Meals Scheme. As well as financially benefiting as described above, your child may receive additional learning support where appropriate because of the additional funding that school receives from Government for known free school meals pupils.

How to apply

Through the Citizen Portal (https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCCSCitizenPortal_live) which is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in you getting an instant decision.

Parents and carers can also ring the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.