



Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Dear Parents,

Well done to Year 6 who have shown great resilience and an aim high attitude during their SATs tests this week. I have been really impressed with their maturity. They should all be proud of themselves.



RNLI Visit

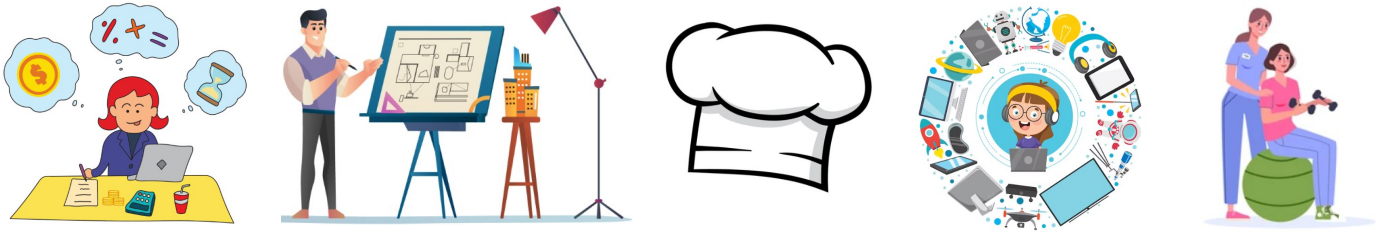
We recently had a visit from the Royal National Lifeboat Institute. The children learnt about keeping themselves safe on the beach and in the water.



Careers Week Mon 20th – Fri 24th May

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to talk to the children next week. We have now finalised the timetable and have a variety of careers represented including a head chef, an architect, a physiotherapist and researcher, an accountant, a technology officer and more!

I think it will be an enlightening and fascinating week for the children and really will widen their worlds.



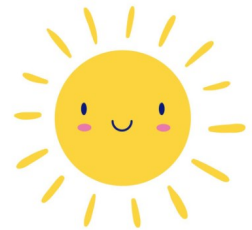
Thank You

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to the PTFA and to parents for donations to the Easter draw as well as to those who bought tickets. As a result of your generosity, the PTFA raised £265

Summer Term Events

Please see the back of the newsletter for the dates of the events this term.



Starting Secondary School

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 £2.30 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.

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

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.



Click here for advice from the RNLi: <https://rnli.org/safety/beach-safety>



Dates for your diary:

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| <u>May</u> | |
| 20th—24th | Careers Week |
| 20th | Holsworthy transition—staff meeting pupils and parents—2pm children, 3pm parents. |
| 23rd | Yr 5/6 Swimming |
| 27th to 31st | Half term |

June

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| 3rd | Non-pupil day |
| 4th—14th | Y4 Multiplication Check |
| 6th | Yr 5/6 Swimming |
| 10th | Yr1 Phonics Screening |
| 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

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| 1st—5th | Y5 and 6 Activities Week |
| 4th July | YR/1 and 2 Swimming |
| 8th | Beach Festival Y3 and 4 at Bude |
| 10th | Sports Day—parents/carers welcome from 1.30pm |
| 11th | YR/1 and 2 Swimming |
| 18th | YR/1 and 2 Swimming |
| 18th | Open Evening, Y6 Leavers and Summer Concert—3.30pm-5pm |
| 23rd | End of term |

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





BAG 2 SCHOOL



Our next Bag2School collection
has been arranged for

Wednesday 19th June

Any questions – please ask your school
collection organiser tash1989@hotmail.com



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*.

ADVANCED BOOKING ESSENTIAL - BOOK NOW: limited spaces!

A letter with payment details & more info will be sent to those who sign up. For more info & to

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

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.