

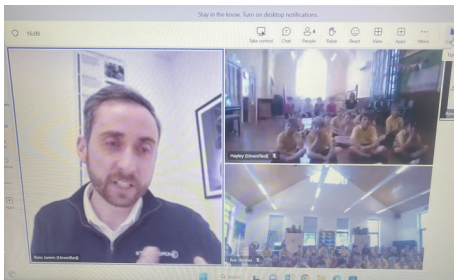


Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Dear Parents,

As we rapidly approach half term, I wanted to remind you that we have a non-pupil day on Monday 3rd June so the first day back for the children will be **Tuesday 4th June**. I hope the good weather continues and all the children and families have a restful and fun holiday.

Careers Week



Wow! What a week it has been! We have had a great variety of talks but all fascinating and inspiring in different ways. They certainly met our intention of widening the children's worlds and giving them possible ideas for the future. All the talks emphasised the importance of aiming high and being resilient.

The week started on a high with Ross James, uncle of Harry and Charlie at Ashwater School. Ross joined the Federation via Teams and inspired us with his career as Deputy Chief Technology Officer. Ross told the children about his work with Jaguar Land Rover, crash testing vehicles and now with Streetdrone, where they develop autonomous (self-driving) cars and vehicles. He explained that one practical use is in ports where large containers can be easily moved by autonomous trucks. He shared videos which brought it all to life for the children.



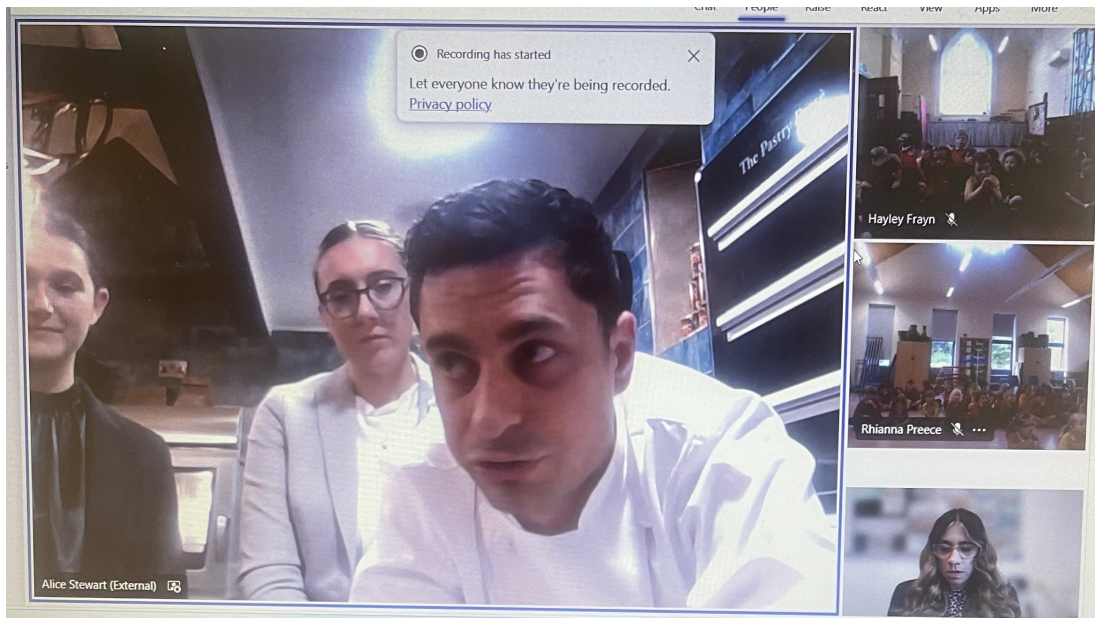
On Tuesday, Rachael O'Donnell, mum to Gemma and Claire at Ashwater and Federation Finance Governor, visited both schools to talk to the children about her role as Global Statutory and Accounting Services Controller at Unisys. Rachael explained that her love of maths had inspired her to become an accountant and her love of geography had meant she wanted a job that enabled her to travel. Rachael manages a team of 60 people in India. The children were excited to see pictures of her team and also to learn that when in the UK, Rachael works from home surrounded by her small holding of animals.



On Wednesday, Stephanie Patel, mum to Aubrey came to Ashwater to tell the children all about her job as a vet for large animals. The children were intrigued to learn about how you keep things hygienic while operating on a farm. The children had the opportunity to practice bandaging a stuffed animal.



Yesterday, the Head Chef, Restaurant Director and Sommelier from the one Michelin star restaurant, Paul Ainsworth at No. 6, joined the Federation via Teams, from the kitchen. The passion of the team was evident and they told us about their roles, how they got there and we had a tour of the kitchen and restaurant too! Thank you to everyone who has spoken to the children so far. We really appreciate people giving up their time. We have more talks today and we will tell you about these after half term.



Trips and Visits

We have an exciting programme of trips and visits planned for the children.

Years 5&6 will have Activities Week from **Monday 1st July to Friday 5th July**. This includes a trip to Bristol, a surfing day and an over-night camp. Parents have already received information about this via letter.



There is a STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Maths) day at Holsworthy College for **Year 5** on **Monday 24th June**. Letters have been sent home about this.

Years 3&4 will have a Geo Walk trip on **Monday 24th June**. Letters have been sent home about this.

Years R,1&2 are visiting the Eden Project on **Monday 15th July** and letters have been sent home about this.

All **Year R – 6** children will enjoy a spectacular science show when Wonderstruck visit Halwill School on **Friday 5th July**. Letters will be sent home about this soon.

Please see the back of the newsletter for all the dates, including the summer events.

Year 6 Transition to Secondary School

We had a visit from Mrs Julie Greener, SENDCo this week to talk to the children going up to Holsworthy College in September. Parents also had the opportunity to come in. I hope you found the session useful. It seems to have helped the children have a better understanding of what to expect.

Please see the dates list for other transition dates.

Year 2 Non-Statutory Assessment

A few weeks ago, I told you that Year 2 SATs are no longer statutory and schools can take the decision whether to do the tests or not.

I explained that 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. These tests will take place during the weeks of **17th June and 24th June**.

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. 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 to encourage your child to use 'Mathletics'. Results will be shared in the end of year report.

Dates for statutory assessments are in the back of the newsletter.

Wild Tribe

Class 1 will have Wildtribe on Friday mornings next half term, commencing 7th June.

On Wild Tribe days, please can children bring in waterproofs to wear over school clothes and wellington boots. If they don't have waterproofs then some other long clothing to cover arms and legs (not jeans) should be sent in. Long hair must be tied up.



Clubs

Please see clubs information here: <https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/ashwater-primary-school/about-us/before-after-school-clubs/>

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:

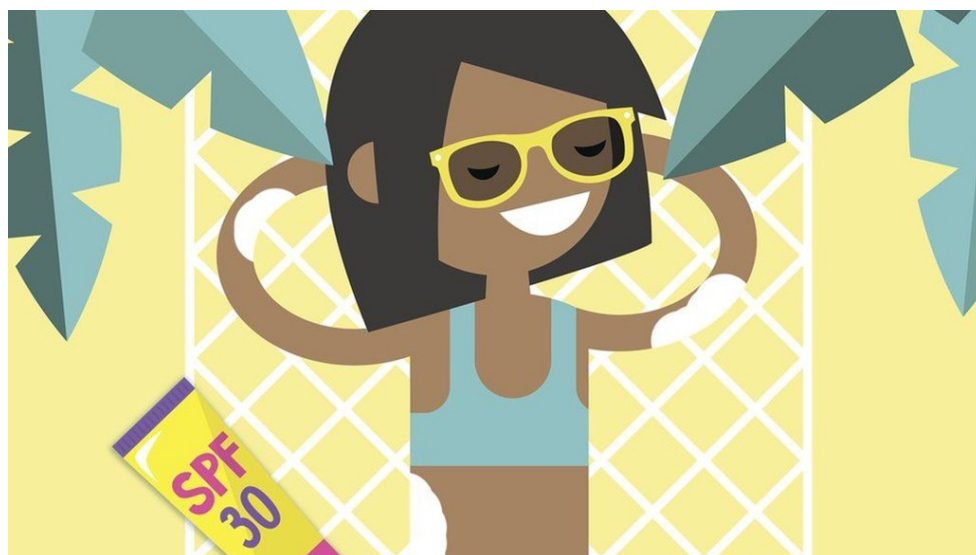
Mrs A Clark

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.

How to stay safe in the sun

Click here for child friendly information: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/48609398>



Dates for your diary:

May

20th—24th *Careers Week*

27th to 31st *Half term*

June

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 3/4 Trip—Geology Day in Bude*

24th *Yr 5—Stem at HCC*

25 & 26th *Holsworthy transition days—Y6*

27th *YR/1 and 2 Swimming*

July

1st—5th *Y5 and 6 Activities Week*

4th *Yr R/1 and 2 Swimming*

5th *Wonderstruck day at Halwill School*

8th *Beach Festival Y3 and 4 at Bude*

10th *Sports Day—parents/carers welcome from 1.30pm*

11th *Yr R/1 and 2 Swimming*

15th *Yr R/1/2 Trip to Eden Project*

18th *Yr R/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.