



Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Dear Parents,

Year 5 and 6 are having a fantastic Activities Week, we will inform you all about it in next week's newsletter.

Federation Mock General Election

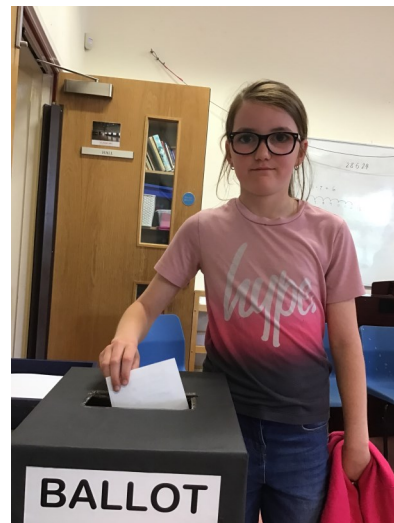
It is very important for us to help children understand the British Value of 'Democracy'. Therefore, as part of Activities Week, on Wednesday, Year 5 and 6 from both schools represented their chosen party, made posters and rosettes, wrote and delivered speeches to the rest of Halwill School and to the children at Ashwater via a Teams link. All children voted by completing a ballot paper which mimicked a real ballot paper, and they all had the opportunity to put their paper in the ballot box.

Year 5 and 6 did brilliantly, researching the information and delivering their speeches clearly and with confidence. The audience listened well and took their secret ballot seriously.

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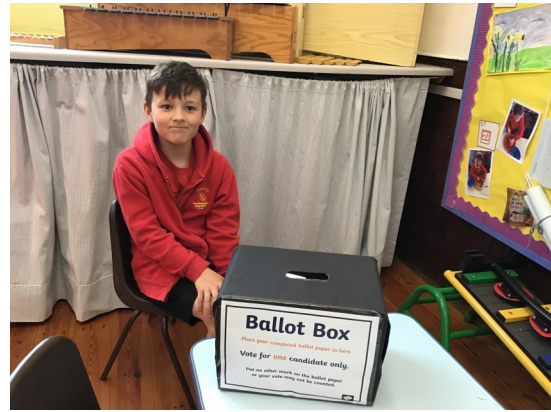
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Paul Whiteman, General Secretary of the NAHT Visit

Paul Whiteman is the General Secretary of the National Association of Headteachers (NAHT) and he made a special visit to Ashwater School last week. Mr Whiteman was keen to see a small, rural school for himself. He was very impressed with the school and the children and was keen to hear all the many strengths but also the challenges. This was a very important visit, as Paul Whiteman is very influential as he has meetings, on behalf of schools, at the highest level of government and DfE. He said he has never been to such a small, rural school and has taken on board the issues we raised.

New Reception Transition Meeting, Friday 19th July at 3:00pm

If your child is in Pre-School but starting Reception in September 2024, there will be a transition meeting to go through the slight differences between Pre-School and School. Your Pre-Schooler can remain in class while we have the meeting.

Sports Day Wednesday 10th July, 1:30 pm

We look forward to welcoming parents and carers next Wednesday at Ashwater School. All children will be involved, **including Pre-School**. If your child is not normally in Pre-School on a Wednesday afternoon and you would like them to be part of Sports Day, please let Mrs Wilson know and we can book them in for an additional session.



Open Evening, Year 6 Leavers and Summer Concert Thursday 18th July

From **3:30 – 4:00 pm** we will have an open evening for parents and carers. It will be an opportunity to see some of your child's work on display in their classrooms and if your child is moving to Class 2, say goodbye to their current teacher and hello to their new teacher.



Next year there is no change to the teaching structure so class teachers will be as follows:

Class 1 (Pre-School, YR, Y1 and Y2): Mrs Gee

Class 2 (Y3, 4, 5 and 6) Miss Frayn

From approximately **4:00 – 5:00 pm** we will have our Year 6 Leavers and Summer Concert in the hall. All children will be involved in some way.

Reports

The annual end of year report to parents will be sent home in the week of 15th July. If children have separated parents, a copy of the report will be provide to both parents.



Uniform



Now is the time to start preparing for September. Please see our website for the uniform list and uniform policy. <https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/ashwater-primary-school/parents/uniform-ordering/>

Please use the order form to order uniform. This will shortly be moving to school money where you will be able to order online. We do also strongly encourage second hand uniform as this is more sustainable and better for your pockets.

From September, we will be reinforcing the importance of long hair being tied up.



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 start a conversation with your child about using a phone safely:

Click here for advice: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers/phones>

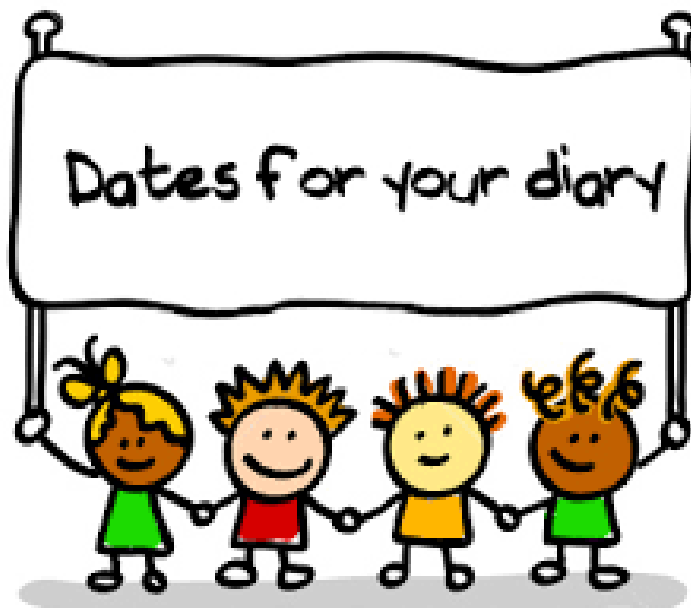


Dates for your diary:

July

1st—5th	Yr 5 and 6 Activities Week
5th	Wonderstruck day at Halwill School
8th	Beach Festival Class 2 at Bude
10th	9am—PTFA Meeting
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/>



IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR PARENTS – NEW WORKING ENTITLEMENTS!

Dear Parents,

The new entitlements for eligible working parents, or those with caring responsibilities, will be extended to children from 9 months from September 2024. It is your responsibility to check if you are entitled, make an application before 31st August, and reconfirm every 3 months.

[Check you're eligible for free childcare if you're working - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

It is important that if you have a child who will be 9 months old, on or before 31st August 2024, that you apply to HMRC (Childcare Service) in good time.

Please set-up or visit your [Gateway Account](#) immediately to apply.

Please note that you may not be able to apply for the working entitlement funding immediately if you have a Tax-Free Childcare (TFC) account. We have been advised that you will be able to apply when you receive your TFC reconfirmation reminder or HMRC will issue a temporary code.

If you have recently reconfirmed your TFC and not made an application, please ensure that you are due to reconfirm again before the 31st of August deadline.

It is important that you allow time for any queries with new applications or reconfirmations to avoid delays. Any codes issued by HMRC in September 2024 **will not be funded** in Autumn 2024 (1st September – 31st December). A code with an 'eligible from' date of 1st September 2024 will not be funded until Spring 2025 and only then if you reconfirm by 31st December 2024.

The dates of your code are important, and you must reconfirm every 3 months to confirm eligibility and continue to access your funded childcare!

If you have a previous application for an older sibling, please check the eligibility dates of any new codes for a younger child as the reconfirmation dates can be aligned to the older child which could mean you need to reconfirm before the normal 3-month reconfirmation period.

If you have a code for an older child that needs to be reconfirmed, this should also be completed **now**, and if you are unsure, it is your responsibility to log into your [Gateway Account](#) and check. If you are newly eligible or are given a new code at reconfirmation, you need to take your 11-digit code to your provider who will complete a verification check and then confirm your funded space.

When eligibility ends, children who have accessed the working entitlements can continue to access their entitlement in the next funding period when in the Grace Period. However, children, who are newly eligible in September and using the working entitlements for the first time, or start at a new setting, cannot start to use the funding if their eligibility has ended. The Grace Period does not apply to children that have not used the working entitlements with the provider in the previous funding period.

If the Grace period does not apply, or your Grace period ends, the working entitlement will also end. If you continue to use childcare, you will be charged.

If you are registering for a new Gateway account with HMRC, you will be asked if you would like to register for Tax Free Childcare. If you are in receipt of Tax Credits these may be stopped, and it can take several weeks to reapply and for Tax Credits to be reinstated.

If you have problems accessing the system or completing your check, please call the HMRC Helpdesk on 0300 1234 097 (your provider and Devon County Council cannot assist with new applications or reconfirmations for the Working Entitlements).

Devon Early Years are running some online sessions for parents in July to give an overview on what funding is available, how you apply for different funding streams and how your child can access funded time. Please save the links below to join a session that suits you:

[Wednesday 3rd July 10.00 am -11.00 am](#)

[Monday 8th July 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm](#)

[Thursday 11th July 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm](#)

You may be able to access further help with childcare costs. Please visit the [Childcare Choices Website](#).

Kind regards,

Devon Early Years Funding

Childcare
Choices

All the government
childcare offers in one place

childcarechoices.gov.uk



 HM Government

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.



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

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Pupils of Bude and Stratton schools, discounts are applied on booking. If you don't go to a Bude or Stratton school but live in Bude or Stratton constituency you can claim a refund from Bude-stratton Town Council office after the programme.



Free Breakfast and Lunch For All Children
All children who attend will receive a free light breakfast (if required) and lunch (with hot and cold options) on the day. Please let us know of any dietary requirements or if you wish to send your child with a packed lunch.

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AS YOU LIKE!**

**9:00am
-
2:00pm**

Session Dates

WK1: 29th, 30th, 31st July, 1st August
WK2: 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th August
WK3: 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th August
WK4: 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd August

Book Now Using the Link or QR Code

<https://www.playwaze.com/ljd-coaching/e85aljhvpv5l/community-details>



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Year 1 — Year 6

Summer Holiday



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9.30am -- 2.30pm

Stanhope Park, Holsworthy, EX22 6FP

Tuesday 30th July

Tuesday 6th August

Tuesday 13th August

Tuesday 20th August

Tuesday 27th August

£12 per day per child

—Book all 5 days for £50—

For more information please contact Dan Marks at:
holsworthycricketclub1873@gmail.com or 07719 337218



PLYMOUTH ARGYLE ACADEMY

OPEN SESSIONS

UNDER 6 & 7 (SCHOOL YEAR 1 & 2)

PLYMOUTH

Date Friday, 21 June 2024

Venue Marjon Sports Centre, 3G Astro Turf

Capacity 100 spaces

Time 5.30-7.00pm



NEW DATE ADDED!

SOUTH DEVON

Date Friday, 5 July 2024

Venue Devon County FA, 3G Astro Turf

Capacity 70 spaces

Time 5.30-7.00pm



EAST CORNWALL

Date Friday, 12 July 2024

Venue Brannel School, 3G Astro Turf

Capacity 60 spaces

Time 5.30-7.00pm



PENRYN

Date Tuesday, 16 July 2024

Venue Penryn College, 3G Astro Turf

Capacity 60 spaces

Time 5.30-7.00pm



OKEHAMPTON

Date Thursday, 18 July 2024

Venue Ashbury Golf Hotel, 3G Astro Turf

Capacity 60 spaces

Time 6.00-7.30pm



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Workshop opportunities for young people aged 8 - 14

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- Online registration beaford.org/events/ssc
- Cost is £50 per day
- Discounts/Bursary available

Weekdays 24th – 31st July
2nd – 4th September
9:30am to 4:30pm

Bridge Chambers, The Strand
Barnstaple, EX31 1HB

NB These courses will only go ahead if there's sufficient uptake - please spread the word!

Booking deadlines:

Book for July courses by 17th July
Book for September courses by 12th August



Queries to caroline@beaford.org



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