



Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery

Newsletter Date

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Fantastic Mr Fox

Was fantastic! The children behaved beautifully and enjoyed the experience. Thank you to all the helpers and staff who made the trip possible. Your donations towards the school library raised an amazing £2,444, thank you!

Sports Day

The weather was kind to us in the end and the children really enjoyed the activities. There is an immense amount of effort that goes into arranging sports day, especially as the school grows, and we'd like to thank Mrs Carolan and all the staff and parents involved for their organisation and support. Students from Wymondham High were also incredibly helpful today. We hope that everyone who was able to join us had a good time!

Lunch - Monday 3rd July

Just a reminder that Monday's hot dinner has changed to Sausage Roll, Baked Potato Wedge and Pea and Sweetcorn medley with Quorn sausage for vegetarians.

Ashleigh Farm Award

On Monday afternoon Mr Finch took two children to represent the Ashleigh Farm in the Schools' Marquee at the Royal Norfolk Show. Although the show didn't officially open until Wednesday this was part of the judging process for 'The Primary Schools' Food Farming and Countryside Challenge 2017'. Evie and Ethan in Year 4 both did a wonderful job of talking to the judges about all our work on the farm before presenting to the audience of schools and teachers. We are thrilled to say that after a short wait for the judges to deliberate we were then announced as the 2017 winners! This is a huge prize and is a great reward for all the hard work the children and volunteers have put into the farm.

Ashleigh Farm Produce

We are delighted to be able to inform all parents that Ashleigh Farm produce will be being served in some meals at 'The Plough' in Wangford over the weekend of July 8th and 9th. This is part of the Adnams' "Food for Thought" scheme and is something we are hoping to develop in the future. Do let us know if you visit and get the chance to sample some of the food.

Ashleigh Friends

Summer Disco - Tonight

A final reminder that the summer discos are taking place at Wymondham High School tonight. Please arrive via the Folly Road entrance. Parking is available but we would like to encourage all parents to walk where possible. Volunteers will be on hand in the car park to direct you on arrival.

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Spree Books

A reminder that the deadline to either purchase your Spree book or to return your unwanted book is Wednesday 5th July. Please return these to the school post box.

Non-Uniform Day

Ashleigh Friends will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 14th July to raise money for the school. Suggested donation is £1 per child. Donations can be made on the day.

Lego Donations

If you have any unwanted but good quality Lego that you would be happy to donate to the school we would really appreciate it. It will be used to support Lego therapy activities.

Midday Supervisor Assistant Vacancy - Permanent Position

Salary - £7.78 per hour

Monday – Friday: 1 hour ten minutes per day

Term time only

We are seeking to appoint a Midday Supervisory Assistant to join our friendly, enthusiastic team. Duties include supervision of children within school, in outdoor areas and leading play and games. You will need to have a calm and caring manner and enjoy working with children. Being friendly, approachable and able to develop positive and constructive relationships with children and staff is essential. You will receive training as required. Please contact the school office for more information and an application form (also available on our website). Job shares would be considered.

Closing date: Friday 7th July

Interview date: To be confirmed.

Lunch Booking - Years 3 & 4

The lunch menus for the rest of term are available to pre-book via Wisepay; each week still has to be ordered by midnight on the Sunday before that particular menu starts. **All Year 3 and 4 school lunches need to be ordered via this system going forward.**

Children who qualify for free school meals still need to use Wisepay to order lunches, but there will be no charge at checkout. If you change your mind about a particular day please let us know, we can re-book in school for a different date. If you have any problems or queries please contact the school office.

Please note that on the following dates **Pick n Mix is the only available school lunch option for:**

- Tuesday 11th July – Year 3; UEA trip.
- Wednesday 12th July – Year 3; Wymondham High School visit (letter to come home nearer the time.

School Lunch Availability - Friday 21st July

Please note that on the last day of term the **only school lunch option available** from the kitchen will be **school packed lunch**. The kitchen has to be cleared for building works scheduled to start at the end of term.

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Summer Reading

With the long summer holidays approaching, here's a little reminder of how important it is to read with your child every day.

Sharing time listening or reading to your child has huge benefits. It improves spelling, writing and punctuation skills, as well as memory skills and it feeds the imagination! Children who read regularly and for pleasure, will make significantly increased progress throughout their school life (based on studies from the Institute of Education.) Stories, comics, magazines or factual information books – anything goes!

We have recommended book lists for each age group - if you would like one please email the school office or ask your class teacher. And if you don't already know, Wymondham has a fantastic bookshop 'Ketts Books' run by volunteers. They organise kids' book groups, as well as offering a sharing bookshelf where you can swap books for free. The library is also running a Summer Reading challenge 'Animal Agents' for children aged 4-11.

So, when you're off to the beach this summer, don't forget your book!

Thrive Weekend Activity Challenge:

Play at Treasure Hunts

Take turns in hiding things for each other to find.

Supports child's key task:

To have a positive experience of being dependent and then being able to move on to make new relationships.

We've recently updated our website with Thrive information. See Thrive under the Learning menu.

Follow the link below, also available on our website, for more information <https://www.thriveapproach.com/the-thrive-approach/> and there's also a Thrive Approach Facebook page for further reading.

Nursery Funding from September - 30 Hours Free Childcare Entitlement

The Childcare Service System is now live for parents with children up to the age of 4. This means that parents wishing to access the 30 hours free childcare entitlement from September 2017 will be able to apply via the online Childcare Service: <https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/par/app/applynow>

Parents who have children under 4 years old on 31 August 2017 (i.e. Date of birth after 31/08/2013) will be able to apply and receive codes to give to Ashleigh Nursery. **You must have applied for, and received the code, by 31st August 2017 to qualify for funding for the autumn term.**

Lost Property

Unnamed lost property is on a hanging rail or in the box just outside the main school office. All named items are returned in school.

Please take a moment to write/iron/sew or otherwise label your child's school clothes, we have quite a collection in lost property and it's such a shame that we can't return the items to their owners.

If you think you might have an item in lost property but are unable to come in to school to check, please contact the school office.

Unclaimed lost property will be disposed of appropriately at the end of the summer term.

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Diary Dates - Weekly Updates

Please take a moment each week to check this section to see if there have been additional activities organised for your child/ren's classes or year groups. Parents are invited to join their child's class assemblies and family learning events.

Thurs 6 th Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:15pm Reception September 2017 Intake Parents' Information Meeting
Fri 7 th Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:05am Barn Owl Class Assembly
Tues 11 th Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 3 to UEA Sportspark
Wed 12 th Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reception trip to Sea Life Centre, Great Yarmouth Year 3 to Wymondham High School
Wed 13 th Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00-10:00am and 1:00-2:00pm Nursery Sports Day
Fri 14 th Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:05am Deer Class Assembly Non-School Uniform Day
Mon 17 th Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Elm Class to visit Wymondham Library
Tues 18 th Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30am Nursery Leavers' Picnic 2:00pm Nursery Leavers' Picnic 2:15pm Reception Class Parents' African Drumming Assembly 3:45pm After School African Drumming Performance
Wed 19 th Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Maple Class to visit Wymondham Library Year 2 to visit Cromer (letter to follow 30th June) 2:00pm Year 3 Performance of Midsummer Night's Dream
Fri 21 st Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lunch Option from School Kitchen: Packed Lunch Only 3pm School closes for Summer holidays

Term Dates

Friday 21st July 3pm School closes for Summer holidays

2017/18 Term Dates

Monday 4 th September	INSET Day
Tuesday 5 th September	INSET Day
Wednesday 6 th September	8:45am School opens for Autumn 1
Thursday 19 th October	3:00pm School closes for half term
Friday 20 th October	INSET Day
Monday 30 th October	8:45am School opens for Autumn 2
Tuesday 19 th December	3:00pm Term ends
Tuesday 2 nd January	INSET Day
Wednesday 3 rd January	INSET Day
Thursday 4 th January	8:45am School opens for Spring 1
Friday 9 th February	3:00pm School closes for half term
Monday 19 th February	8:45am School opens for Spring 2
Wednesday 28 th March	3:00pm School closes for Easter holidays
Monday 16 th April	8:45am School opens for Summer 1
Monday 7 th May	Bank Holiday
Friday 25 th May	3:00pm School closes for half term
Monday 4 th June	8:45am School opens for Summer 2
Tuesday 24 th July	3:00pm School closes for summer holidays



We have children with severe nut allergies in school; can we remind everyone that **no nuts of any kind should be coming into Ashleigh Primary School**; whether as snacks, within confectionary, sandwich spreads or any other product. Thank you.