



Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery

Newsletter Date

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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 ([including Nutella](#)) or any other product. Thank you.

Parking Complaint

We have received the following complaint from a local resident:

"I live in one of the roads opposite the school and after barely being able to get out of my drive for the past two days would like to complain about the way that either the workmen or parents are parking around the school. Some vehicles are parking quite dangerously at the top and all the way down the road.

I would be grateful if this could be addressed by the school as some days I cannot get my vehicle out of my drive, or see to pull out at the top of the road, which is very dangerous while there is lots of children around.

I have no problem with people parking in a safe manner."

We have asked the builders to park considerately and in a sensible fashion, please can we ask all parents and carers parking around the school to do the same. Thank you for your cooperation.

Library Books

Please return all school library books as soon as possible. Many thanks.

Year 3 - Midsummer Night's Dream Performance

Year 3 parents are invited to the Year 3 Midsummer Night's Dream assembly on Wednesday 19th July at 2pm. We hope you can join us!

Waitrose Tokens

Just a quick reminder that the Ashleigh Farm green token box is now available in Waitrose for you to add to. The box is available through July and at the end of the month £1,000 will be shared between the 3 good causes.

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

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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

Disco

Thank you to all the staff and parents who volunteered at our summer discos last week, your help is greatly appreciated. The event was a huge success and we had some very positive feedback about the change in venue. We made £476 which is a fantastic amount and will go towards our target of raising £5000 for the new school library.

Co-op Green Tokens

We are delighted to let you know that Ashleigh Friends has been chosen to take part in the East of England Co-op Community Token Scheme!

Collection boxes will be appearing in stores on the 1st July and will run for three months until the end of September.

The stores who will be supporting us are;

- Wymondham: Lime Tree Avenue
- Toftwood: Shipdham Road, East Dereham
- Riverside: Train Station

Every time a member shops with Co-op, they'll be given a token to put in the collection box of their choice. More tokens in our box means a bigger share of the £1000 for Ashleigh Friends. If you aren't already a member it's really easy to become a member – you can join online or in-store.

Everything we raise will go towards the new school library so please remember to ask for your token next time you are shopping in the Co-op next to school, thanks for your support.

Non-Uniform Day

We are holding a non-uniform day next **Friday 14th July**. Suggested donation is £1 per child to be made on the day and everything raised will go towards the new school library. This is our last fundraising event of the year so please help us make it a success and get us to our £5000 target.

Spree Book Final Reminder

If you haven't already returned your Spree book these must be returned by Monday 10th July at the very latest. Reminder letters will be going home today. Thank you for your help.

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.

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. **For those who have requested lists these will be sent out before the end of term, and also available on the school website.** 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 exaggerating facial expressions for feelings

Use happy, excited, pleased, satisfied (not scary or angry looks and gestures).

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.

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 p.m. Maple 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"> 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