Summer Holidays
Thank you to everyone, staff, children, parents who make Ashleigh such a great place to come! We would also like to thank Ashleigh Friends for their amazing fundraising throughout the year, the whole school benefits hugely from their support. We hope you all have a wonderful summer holiday and look forward to seeing everyone back safe and sound in September!
We would like to wish the following staff all the very best for their futures; Miss McGrath, Mrs Walter, Miss Smith, Ms Brais and Mr Brown (Jason, our ICT Tech).

Class Details for September

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<th>Year Group</th>
<th>Class name September 2017</th>
<th>Teacher</th>
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Lunch Booking from September - Years 3, 4 & 5
The lunch menus for the first half of the autumn 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, 4 and 5 school lunches need to be ordered via this system going forward. Year 3 information letters were sent home this week, Year 4 and 5 log-in details will remain the same.**
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.
**The new menu has been sent out and is also on the school website.**
Ashleigh Friends End of Year Update

We have raised an amazing total of £5,569 meaning we have reached our target of £5,000 for the new school library. This is a provisional figure, we will be able to confirm our exact total next year. We have been blown away by everyone’s support this year and are really pleased we have been able to raise this amount for the new library. We shall continue with our fundraising next year and hope to increase this amount further.

Ashleigh Friends would like to say a huge thank you to all our members, volunteers, parents, carers and families who have supported us this year, as well as all the staff at Ashleigh. We have tried many new events this year, all of which have been fantastically received and attended. Our favourite was definitely our Christmas Fayre which will be returning next year, hopefully bigger and better together with other new events.

This year we have been trying to raise £5,000 for the new library but we have also been supporting the school in other ways. We have spent £360 on the new school mini bus, supporting the farmers market and a Christmas party for the nursery children. As well as that we have continued to pay for the coaches for school trips for one trip per year group, as well as the whole school trip to see Fantastic Mr Fox, totalling just over £2,000.

We have also been able to increase our fundraising this year by nearly £1,000 from match funding. This is where Ashleigh Friends volunteers have been able to claim additional funding from their employers through their charity schemes to match funds raised at events they have helped to organise and run. This is a brilliant way to increase our fundraising. If anyone works for an organisation who offers a similar scheme and would like to help us next year please email us at ashleighfriendspta@hotmail.co.uk

Our events this year have raised these brilliant amounts:

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<td>Family Photo Sessions</td>
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<td>Autumn Disco</td>
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<td>Christmas Raffle &amp; Match Funding</td>
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<td>Christmas Eve Bags</td>
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<td>February Non-Uniform Day</td>
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<td>Quiz &amp; Chips Night</td>
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<td>Farmer’s Market Cake Sale</td>
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<td><strong>GRAND TOTAL</strong></td>
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Thrive Activity Challenge:

Wandering in the countryside
There is no limit to the joys of simply playing in the countryside:
- Observing the sounds of birds in the woods, the buzzing and flitting of insects;
- Playing roly-poly down a grassy knoll;
- Launching sycamore seeds helicopters;
- Making trumpets out of grass blades between two thumbs;
- Making firing pistols out of dandelion stalks;
- Making fish skeletons out of beach leaves by removing the leaf and leaving the only the bones (veins);
- Kicking through mounds of leaves – having leaf fights;
- Tracking: identifying and following animal tracks;
- Fishing: digging up worms and using them for bait;
- Making daisy chains;
- Collecting, identifying pressing flowers and grasses;
- Geology expeditions: collecting and identifying different rock samples;
- Making whistles out of branches;
- Foraging for blackberries;
- Having sword fights with dried cowslip stalks;
- Playing fir-needle championships (you compete to break the other’s “V” shaped needle in a tug of war);
- Playing Pooh-sticks on the riverbank;
- Making toy boats and sending them downstream (at night you can light a tea candle on top and see which one stays alight the farthest);
- Find good trees to climb;
- Learn how to choose the best skimming stones and counting how many skims you can do across a stretch of flat water;
- Making mini assault courses, and (holding the young person’s hand if they ask for it) leap from grass patch to grass patch, or from rock to rock, or along a fallen trunk/log – get from A to B without touching the floor;
- Bouldering – or horizontal rock climbing, working your way along a boulder or rock face, staying only a short fall above the ground.

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.

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**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](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.**

**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.

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<td>8:45am School opens</td>
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<td>Fri 8th Sep</td>
<td>3:05pm Year 4 Parents’ Transition Meeting &amp; Year 4 Camping: Goldcrest Activity Meeting</td>
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<td>Mon 11th Sep</td>
<td>2:40pm <strong>Year 1 Open Classroom</strong></td>
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<td>3:10pm Year 5 Parents’ Transition Meeting</td>
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<td>Tues 12th Sep</td>
<td>Y4 Maple Class Swimming at Wymondham Leisure Centre</td>
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<td>Elm overnight camp</td>
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<td>Thurs 14th Sep</td>
<td>3:10pm <strong>Year 2 Open Classroom</strong></td>
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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.