



Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery

Newsletter Date

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Supervision on the playground before school

From 8:30am we have three members of staff who are First Aid trained on the playgrounds in case of any medical issues. It has been drawn to our attention that children are arriving earlier than this. Gates to the school are open before this due to breakfast club, however, no adults or children should be on site before 8:30am as there is no supervision.

Parent Forum 30th November

At our parent coffee morning this week we discussed the following:

Are our digital links to parents working?

- Twitter;
- Emails;
- Texts;
- School website;
- Class blogs.

How can we further develop parent involvement?

- Family learning;
- Opportunities such as the Christmas fayre;
- Use of Farm / Forest School;
- Coffee and cake mornings;
- Opportunities for working parents.

What opportunities would you like to come into school?

- Family learning – what is working well?
- Farm;
- Forest Schools.

How could the school help you support your child's learning at home?

- Methods used to teach maths have changed;
- Changes in vocabulary;
- Courses offered by Community Learning Services;
- Year 5 homework books – link to learning/skills taught in class;
- Non-compulsory homework activities – an opportunity for further home learning;
- Why is homework necessary?
- Digital homework – Sumdog/Read theory.

Actions the school will take as a result of parent feedback:

- Review how homework is shared to parents/carers - digital vs hard copies.
- Review the use of class blogging across the school to ensure there is a consistent approach.
- Review homework in Key Stage 2 to ensure further challenges are provided if necessary.
- Consider how the school can use PTA to gather parent views.
- Send out hard copies of parent questionnaires in January.

If you were unable to make the coffee morning but feel you have ideas to offer, please email the school office. We welcome any suggestions.

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Parking Offences

Please do not park on any of the School Keep Clear signs, obstruct junctions or driveways/garages. As a school we have no jurisdiction over parking other than physically on our site, if you wish to report a parking offence please send details and photos to enquiries@norfolk.pnn.police.uk

School Communication

We try to ensure that every family receives relevant information about their child, upcoming events and activities.

We usually send information home on Fridays, to cut down on the amount of times you have to check for letters etc., but urgent letters can go out on any day so please check your child/ren's bags regularly. Where possible we will email you to advise you to look out for a letter that is sent out other than on Friday.

- For **Reception, Years 1, 2 and 3** information is sent home via the child's named "bookbag" (plastic zip folder), can we ask that all communication is **returned to class in the same way**, or is handed directly to the teacher.
- **Years 4 and 5** information will be given to the children to put into their own bags to bring home.

We are unable to check children's actual school bags/rucksacks for replies or money, therefore we would really appreciate your assistance in returning replies to school via "bookbag", the teacher or the school office (there is also a school postbox outside the office which we empty three times daily).

Contact Details

If you change any of your contact details; home address, telephone numbers, email addresses, please remember to let the school know. You can call or email the details to the school office so we can keep our emergency contact details current.

Nursery Email Address

We're pleased to advise you that we now have a dedicated email address for Nursery enquiries;

nursery@ashleighprimary.net

(The main school email remains the same).

Foodbank Appeal

This year we are collecting for Norwich Foodbank and have separated out some of the most needed items by class. If you are happy to make a donation please send this in to class by Monday 11th December. Thank you for your support.

Hedgehog	UHT Milk and Toothpaste
Squirrel	Long Life Fruit Juice and Shower Gel
Bat	Rice pudding and Shampoo
Barn Owl	Instant Coffee and Toothbrushes
Fox	Tinned Vegetables and Deodorant
Deer	Teabags (40s/80s) and Biscuits
Hazel	Toilet Rolls
Birch	Cereal Bars and Pasta Sauce
Oak	Tinned Potatoes and Instant Mash
Elm	Long Life Sponge Pudding and Tinned Meat
Maple	Tinned pie and Sweets
Willow	Instant Coffee
Chestnut	Washing Powder

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Spare Uniform

If you have any old uniform that would be suitable for the older children in school we would greatly appreciate it if you could send it in to class or the school office. Many thanks.

Christmas Lunch - Thursday 14th December

Reception, Years 1 and 2, please return your Christmas lunch booking slip as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

Nursery, Years 3, 4 and 5, please pre-book via Wisepay as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Christmas lunch will be:

Main: Roast Turkey, Pigs in Blankets, Stuffing Balls, Roast Potatoes, Carrot Batons and Peas; OR

Vegetarian: Vegetable Lattice, Roast Potatoes, Carrot Batons and Peas.

Pudding: Rudolph Bun

These two main meal options are the only ones available to order on the 14th.

Christmas Jumper Day - Thursday 14th December

Officially Christmas Jumper Day this year is Friday 15th December, we are not asking for donations this year, therefore we are suggesting that children wear Christmas jumpers, or Christmas colours, on Christmas lunch day (Thursday 14th) if they wish to do so.

Christmas Performances - DVD Order Forms

You will have the opportunity to order the dvd for the Reception and/or Years 1 and 2 performance (order forms will be available at performances or from the school office). If you wish to purchase dvds to be delivered before the end of term please return your form and payment by **Friday 8th December**.

Parents will be able to photograph their children after the performance but mobile phones/cameras/recorders cannot be used during the performance itself. We would respectfully remind parents that only photos of your own children should be shared on social media.

Christmas Post Box

The Christmas card post box is in the school office if your child would like to post cards to other classes. Please make sure that the name of the child and their class is marked on the envelope.

Ashleigh Friends

Thank You

Ashleigh Friends would like to say a huge thank you to everyone that has supported us with our fundraising events this term. We have held a cake sale, school discos and the Christmas Fayre and Raffle, all of which have been a huge success. We have met many new parents and are very grateful to everyone, parents and staff, who have volunteered to help us this term. There are too many to name individually, but without your support we wouldn't be able to hold such fabulous events. These events have also been made even better by the amazing new school building we have been lucky enough to be able to use.

We can now announce that we raised **£680 from the discos and £884 from the Christmas Raffle**. Both of these are an increase on last years figures. We are also

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making applications for match funding for both of these events through the employers of parents who have volunteered to help organise and run them, and if we are successful this will boost the amount already raised. If your employer offers a similar scheme and you would like to help support our school please email ashleighfriendspta@hotmail.co.uk We are still busy counting the pennies from the Christmas Fayre and hope to announce the amount raised from this next week.

If you ordered any items from Paint-a-Doodle at the Christmas Fayre these are ready to collect from the school office.

Thank You

Another huge thank you from the school to the PTA for all their amazing fundraising efforts this year, we really appreciate all you do!

Wisepay: Nursery, Years 3, 4 and 5

- Menus are now available to book online up to Tuesday 19th December.
- Please note that on Thursday 14th December the only choices are the Main or Vegetarian options.
- If your child is ill on a day you have pre-booked a meal please contact the office with details of a lunch you would like to book in its place. Thank you.

Nursery, Years 3, 4 and 5 need to book meals via Wisepay please.

If you need a copy of your log-in details please contact the school office.

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.

Mon 4 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.00pm Years 1 & 2 Joint Christmas Performance (DVD)
Tues 5 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Elm Class Swimming • 2.00pm Reception Christmas Performance (DVD) • 7:15pm Ashleigh Friends Meeting, The Hub, Ayton Road
Wed 6 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30am Years 1 & 2 Joint Performance • 10:15am Years 3 & 4 Rehearsal at Wymondham Abbey (letter sent home Wednesday 29th November)
Thurs 7 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30am Reception Christmas Performance • 4.15pm Years 3 & 4 Performance at Wymondham Abbey
Fri 8 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 2 Christmas Experience at The Hub (letter sent home Friday 1st December)
Tues 12 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Elm Class Swimming • 10:15am Nursery Christmas Sing-A-Long and Crafts • 1:30-3:00pm Year 3 Family Winter Craft Afternoon • 2:15pm Year 2 African Drumming Performance • 3:45pm After School Club African Drumming Performance
Wed 13 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:30pm Reception • 2:00pm Nursery Christmas Sing-A-Long and Crafts
Thurs 14 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Chestnut to sing carols at Sutherland Care Home • a.m. Willow to sing carols at Melton House • 10:15am Nursery Christmas Sing-A-Long and Crafts • Christmas Lunch – Christmas jumper optional
Fri 15 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3:10-3:40pm Year 4 Open Classroom
Mon 18 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • p.m. Reception Christmas Parties
Tues 19 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y4 Elm Class Swimming at Wymondham Leisure Centre • 3:00pm School Closes for Christmas Holidays

Music Lessons

These begin week commencing Monday 18th September and run every:

Monday Violin & Woodwind Lessons for participating Year 4 & 5 children

Wednesday Brass & Guitar lessons for participating Year 4 & 5 children
(Music teachers will be notified of relevant school trips).

Term Dates

2017/18 Term Dates

Tuesday 19 th December	3:00pm Term ends
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 (including Nutella) or any other product. Thank you.