



# Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery

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## Build Update

The main building project is now complete. Whilst there are still some smaller associated projects which will take place over the coming months (landscaping, snagging etc.), we are delighted that the main project is finished. It has been a challenging time and I'd like to thank all those involved for working together to make sure the impact on the children during the build was minimal. We are delighted with the finished product and the children are proud of their new school.

As part of the expansion of the site, we have looked carefully at parking and safety at the front of the school. As you will see, we have tried to ensure there is as much disabled parking as possible in front of the school and that there are clear designated safe crossing points for children as they exit the gate. We would ask parents who drive to collect and drop off children to please park a short distance away from the school and walk the final stage. We have clear markings on the school's slip road to ensure that parents do not park where children will be leaving the site. The 'deliveries only' area is not a parking bay to ensure children have clear visibility from the designated crossing area.

The council will be improving the parking restrictions on Sheffield Road to try to help keep the area directly outside the school clear to make road crossing and cycling as safe for our children as possible.

We thank you for your help in keeping Ashleigh's children safe.

## Family Learning Sessions

- Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 2:15-2:45pm **Year 5**
- Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 1:15-2:45pm **Year 4**  
1:45-2:45pm **Reception**
- Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 2:00-2:45pm **Year 1**
- Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 1:30-2:45pm **Year 2**

## Year 3 French Family Learning Dates

Dr Maillard teaches French in Year 3 and will be inviting parents/carers in to French family learning sessions on the following days, all from 1:15-2:45pm;

Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Oak Class</b>
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Birch Class</b>
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Hazel Class</b>

We hope you are able to come along!

**Contact Us**  
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Headteacher

## Story Café & Big Book Quiz - Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 3:15-4:15pm

We will be inviting **Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2** children to a story café after school on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February. The children will be in the new hall to listen to stories and share milk and biscuits.

**Years 3, 4 and 5** are invited to a Big Book Quiz at the same time.

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Letters will be sent home with more details next week, spaces will be limited so please return the booking slip to school as soon as possible.

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## World Book Day - Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March

The £1 World Book Day tokens will be given out on 1<sup>st</sup> March to all children. These can be used either in exchange for the selected World Book Day books, or can be put towards any other book purchase. After school Ketts Books will be running a book fair with three tables; one offering the £1 World Book day books, one with general books for all ages, and a third selling Usborne books. For every two Usborne books purchased, Usborne will donate one to the school library. Children can come to school dressed as their favourite book characters, staff will be dressing up too!

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## School Library

We are really proud of our new school library and appreciative of all the fundraising efforts that have gone into restocking and improving our selections. To maintain this high standard we will be implementing a new system where lost books will be charged for if they cannot be found within a three week period. We are encouraging the children to take responsibility for their belongings and school resources, which we hope will also stand them in good stead for day to day life.

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## Sport for Schools Tokens

The EDP and Norwich Evening News have teamed up with Sports for Schools to kick-start a campaign which will see schools and communities collect tokens to win a share of a £20,000 sports kit cash pot.

From Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February until April, special tokens will be printed in every edition of the EDP and Evening News – and parents, school staff and the local community can collect and donate them.

The top three schools with the most tokens – calculated on a pro rata basis based on pupil numbers – will receive prizes of £5,000, £3,000 or £2,000, while schools which collect 1,000 tokens will receive a free sports pack.

Tokens will be printed in the paper every day from Monday, February 5 to Saturday, April 14.

There will be one token a day, as well as bonus tokens on occasion and two tokens every Saturday.

The school with the most tokens as an average of total pupils will mean all schools, regardless of size, will have a chance of winning.

Please send any tokens collected into school with your child, or post them in the token collection box that will be available in the school entrance.

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## Netball After-School Club Years 3, 4 and 5

Premier Sports will be running a Netball Club for **Years 3, 4 and 5** after the half term break on Thursdays starting 22<sup>nd</sup> February to 22<sup>nd</sup> March inclusive from 3.15pm to 4.15pm. If your child is interested in joining, this may be booked on-line at [www.premier-education.com](http://www.premier-education.com) or by collecting a paper application from the office. The cost of this course is £19.25.

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## After School Clubs

- Mad Science Club is now full.
- There are places on the Drama Club Years 1-5 (£20 for five weeks on Mondays).
- There is one place on Dodgeball, Years 1-5 (£20 for five weeks on Fridays).
- Drama and Dodgeball application forms would need to be returned by Monday morning (Set Your Sights do not accept late applications).

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- All other clubs are termly and will continue as usual when we return on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

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## PATHS Compliments

As part of our whole school PATHS programme (Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies), we have a daily compliment session for the PATHS person of the day. Compliments are aimed to raise self-esteem and confidence and to remind us to notice positive behaviours. We would like to extend this by recognising what our families and other visitors notice and would like to invite you to add a compliment for a pupil or member of staff where you feel it's deserved. Compliment sheets and boxes will be placed in the reception area from Monday; any compliments received will be shared with the child/member of staff.

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## Jim Monkey

We have a new addition to Ashleigh – Jim Monkey! Children will be taking it in turns to bring him home and sharing in a special diary all the activities they have done together.

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## Ashleigh Treehouse Pick Up Arrangements

When collecting from Ashleigh Treehouse please access the mobile via either the Lime Tree Avenue gate, or the gate next to the car park. Please note that the car park is for School and Children's Centre staff only.

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## SEN Parent Forum - 2pm Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

I would like to invite parents to a SEN forum to answer questions and discuss ideas we could consider implementing in school. There will be coffee and cake, I hope you can join me! Mrs Lacey.

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## Ashleigh Friends

### **Quiz and Chips**

We have had a great response to our next quiz and chips with many tables already being reserved. We still have a few left. The quiz is Friday 9th March, 7.30pm in the school hall. Tickets are £7.50 per person for teams of up to 8 people. If you would like to come entry forms are available from the school office and have been emailed out.

### **Ashleigh Friends Summer Festival**

Save the date - This year we are organising our first ever summer festival which will take place on Saturday 7th July, 12-4pm, on the school field. We would like the children to help us name our festival, please take a look at the letter emailed home today. Copies are also available in the school office. We will also be looking for volunteers to help us organise the festival, we will announce further details soon of how you can get involved.

### **Ashleigh Friends Meeting**

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 20th February, 7.15pm at The Hub, Ayton Road. We expect this to be our last meeting at The Hub and hope to be moving our meetings back to school in the spring.

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## Change 4 Life Healthy Year Calendar

We have started to use the Change 4 Life Healthy Year Calendar in school and will be giving the children new activity ideas each week in assembly. This week they were to:

- Use the sugar ranking cards to put food and drinks in order of the most to the

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- least sugar. Then look at the nutrition labels to check the answers.
- Teachers will place phonics sounds around the playground. When the phonics sound is shouted out, children walk, run, hop, skip or jump to that sound.

## Wisepay: Nursery, Years 3, 4 and 5

- Menus are available to book online up to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.
- 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.
- We are aware that some mobile phones are unable to access the Wisepay website, Wisepay have confirmed that they are in the final stages of testing a new App which will hopefully resolve that issue once it is rolled out.

## 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 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:05am <b>Violin</b> Assembly for Parents of Year 4 &amp; 5 children taking Violin lessons</li> </ul>
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gymnastics Event (6 children)</li> <li>• a.m. Swimming Gala (12 children)</li> <li>• 2:15-2:45pm <b>Year 5</b> Family Learning – Building Volcanoes</li> </ul>
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:05am <b>Brass/Guitar</b> Assembly for Parents of Year 4 &amp; 5 children taking Brass or Guitar lessons</li> <li>• 9:00-11:30am Communication Matters</li> <li>• 1:15-2:45pm <b>Year 4</b> Family Learning</li> <li>• <b>1:45-2:45pm Reception</b> Family Learning</li> </ul>
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2pm <b>Year 1 Family Learning</b> – Toy Museum</li> </ul>
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1:30pm <b>Year 2</b> Family Learning Event</li> <li>• 3pm School closes for half term</li> </ul>
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00-11:30am Communication Matters</li> </ul>
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8:45am School reopens</li> </ul>
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Year 2</b> Wymondham Walk</li> <li>• <b>7.15pm Ashleigh Friends Meeting at The Hub, Ayton Road</b></li> </ul>
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2pm SEN Parent Forum</li> </ul>
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3pm Year 5 Football v Colman Junior (Cup) – Home</li> </ul>
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00-11:30am Communication Matters</li> <li>• <b>3:15-4:15pm Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2</b> Story Café</li> <li>• <b>3:15-4:15pm Years 3, 4 and 5</b> Big Book Quiz</li> </ul>
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>World Book Day – Dress as Favourite Characters</b></li> <li>• <b>3:00-4:00pm Ketts Book Fair (Rear Mobile)</b></li> </ul>
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>1:15-2:45pm Oak Class – French Family Learning</b></li> </ul>
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00-11:30am Communication Matters</li> </ul>
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3pm Year 5 Football v White Woman Lane Junior – Away</li> </ul>
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>1:15-2:45pm Birch Class – French Family Learning</b></li> <li>• 7:30pm Ashleigh Friends Quiz &amp; Chips Night</li> </ul>
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00-11:30am Communication Matters</li> <li>• 3pm Year 5 Football v Horsford Junior – Away</li> </ul>
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>1:15-2:45pm Hazel Class – French Family Learning</b></li> </ul>
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Reception</b> trip to High Lodge (details to follow)</li> </ul>
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Year 3</b> to Royal Norfolk Show (details to follow)</li> </ul>
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>12-4pm Ashleigh Friends Summer Festival</b></li> </ul>

## **Music Lessons**

These begin week commencing Monday 18<sup>th</sup> 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).

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## **Term Dates**

### **2017/18 Term Dates**

Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	3:00pm School closes for half term
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	8:45am School opens for Spring 2
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	3:00pm School closes for Easter holidays
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	8:45am School opens for Summer 1
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	3:00pm School closes for half term
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	8:45am School opens for Summer 2
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	3:00pm School closes for summer holidays

### **2018/19 Term Dates**

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	INSET Day
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	INSET Day
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	INSET Day
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	8:45am School opens for Autumn 1
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	3:00pm School closes for half term
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	8:45am School opens for Autumn 2
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	3:00pm School closes for Christmas holidays
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	INSET Day
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	8:45am School opens for Spring 1
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	3:00pm School closes for half term
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	8:45am School opens for Spring 2
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	3:00pm School closes for Easter holidays
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	8:45am School opens for Summer 1
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	3:00pm School closes for half term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	8:45am School opens for Summer 2
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> 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.