



Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery

Newsletter Date

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School Information

We finish at 3pm today for half term, we hope everyone has a great week and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 19th February!

Just a reminder that drop-off and pick-up arrangements are changing for **Reception** and **Year 2** children from the 19th, they will come to the doors furthest to the right as you face the school on the main playground at the back of the school. Their teachers will be there to meet them at 8:45. The existing access between the two nursery buildings will be locked.

All other year groups (including Nursery) will be unchanged. The main playground can also be accessed by gates on Lime Tree Road and the gate at the top of Beech Close.

Please look in your child's book bag for:

- Letter regarding Story Café/Big Book Quiz
- Sports for Schools Tokens Leaflet
- Norfolk Showground Spring Fling Discount Voucher
- Equality Questionnaire

Equality Questionnaire

We are sending home an equality questionnaire that we would really appreciate if you could take a couple of minutes to complete and return to school. Your responses will help to shape our school policy. Thank you.

Sports Events

On Tuesday 6th February we took six Year 2 children to an event at the Norfolk Academy of Gymnastics. There was strong competition from all the schools competing but Ashleigh performed well and they thoroughly enjoyed their day. Fourteen children from Years 4 and 5 entered the Cluster Swimming Gala, also on Tuesday. All the children did really well, two won their races which means they progress to the next stage of the competition. They all tried their best and were supportive of each other. We are proud of them all.

Nursery Admission Letters September 2018

Letters for Nursery sessions for September 2018 are being sent home via siblings today. If you are applying for Nursery sessions please return the slip to the school office by **Friday 9th March**.

NSPCC Donation

Thank you to everyone who joined in with our Numbers Day on Friday 2nd, your contributions raised £286.60 which we have sent to the NSPCC.

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SEN Parent Forum - 2pm Friday 23rd 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.

Wednesday 28th February - After School Book Events

This year, to celebrate Book Week, we will be holding two book-themed events on Wednesday 28th February; 3:15-4:15pm:

- Story Café for Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2
- Big Book Quiz for Years 3, 4 and 5

Children will be taken to the event by class teachers. If you would like your child to come to an event, please fill in the form below and return to the school office by

Friday 23rd February. There is no charge for either event.

There will be a limited number of spaces available, we will prioritise requests received by the 23rd, if the events are oversubscribed we will draw names randomly to ensure fairness. You will receive a ticket if your child is given a place, collection arrangements will be confirmed on the ticket.

World Book Day - Thursday 1st March

The £1 World Book Day tokens will be given out on 1st 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!

African Drumming Performances - 27th March

Year 1 parents are invited to join us for an African Drumming performance at 2:15pm on Tuesday 27th March.

After-School Club African Drumming are invited to a performance at 3:45pm. Please come to the school office to sign in. Thank you.

After School Clubs

As you will appreciate, it is difficult to find a club booking system that works for everyone, especially as the school grows larger. For the next round of clubs we will be advertising them with a specific closing date. We will then allocate spaces, if clubs are oversubscribed we will draw names at random to ensure fairness. Those children who do not receive a place will be put on the waiting list and given priority for the next time the club is offered. Booking forms received after the closing date will be allocated where possible or placed on the waiting list in order of receipt of application.

Ashleigh Friends Quiz and Chips

We have been inundated with requests for Quiz teams therefore we may have to have a waiting list. To ensure we can consider all requests we are bringing the **closing date for entries earlier to Wednesday 21st February.** If any teams have paid by cheque these will be held until all teams entry has been confirmed. All reserved tables should also be paid for by this date. We are really pleased so many parents are wishing to come and we are looking forward to a fun night.

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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:

- Try making an activity zone; why not do a different activity each day?
- Can you use your nose to guess what different foods are without looking?

Wisepay: Nursery, Years 3, 4 and 5

- Menus are available to book online up to **Friday 23rd 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 19 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:45am School reopens
Tues 20 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 2 Wymondham Walk • 7.15pm Ashleigh Friends Meeting at The Hub, Ayton Road
Fri 23 rd Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2pm SEN Parent Forum
Tues 27 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3pm Year 5 Football v Colman Junior (Cup) – Home
Wed 28 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00-11:30am Communication Matters • 3:15-4:15pm Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2 Story Café • 3:15-4:15pm Years 3, 4 and 5 Big Book Quiz
Thurs 1 st Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Book Day – Dress as Favourite Characters • 3:00-4:00pm Ketts Book Fair (Rear Mobile)
Mon 5 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:15-2:45pm Oak Class – French Family Learning • 3:15-4:30 PATHS Art Exhibition
Tues 6 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3:15-4:30 PATHS Art Exhibition
Wed 7 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00-11:30am Communication Matters • 3:15-4:30 PATHS Art Exhibition
Thurs 8 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3pm Year 5 Football v White Woman Lane Junior – Away
Fri 9 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:15-2:45pm Birch Class – French Family Learning • 7:30pm Ashleigh Friends Quiz & Chips Night
Wed 14 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00-11:30am Communication Matters • 3pm Year 5 Football v Horsford Junior – Away
Fri 16 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:15-2:45pm Hazel Class – French Family Learning
Wed 21 st Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception trip to High Lodge (letter to follow)
Tues 27 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2:15pm Year 1 African Drumming Performance • 3:45pm After School Club African Drumming Performance
Wed 27 th Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 3 to Royal Norfolk Show (letter to follow)
Sat 7 th Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12-4pm Ashleigh Friends Summer Festival

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

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(Music teachers will be notified of relevant school trips).

Term Dates

2017/18 Term Dates

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

2018/19 Term Dates

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