



Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery

Newsletter Date

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No Parking in the School Layby

Can we ask that parents/carers do not park in the school layby unless you can display a valid blue badge for the disabled spaces.

The Deliveries Only bay is for lorries/vans delivering to the school or kitchen. This morning a child was nearly knocked off their bike as a car (dropping a child at school) pulled out of the Deliveries Only bay.

Year 5 Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who attended the Harry Potter Fayre after school on Monday. We raised a fantastic £180, the children and Year 5 staff were delighted!

Quizzes

If you bought a Disney or Harry Potter quiz from the office, please return these to school with your name and class on the sheet. All entries will be entered into a prize draw. Please return your completed quizzes by Friday 23rd March.

PATHS Art Exhibition

Earlier this week we held our PATHS art exhibitions which were all really well attended. One parent, Mrs Kenny, commented "I came in to the art display expecting to see some good efforts, but this work is astonishing. The children and teachers have really outdone themselves - expressing their understanding of some tough emotions, in the style of a famous artist so we can all see how that emotion feels for them, feels important somehow. I'm glad I came along. It really deserves a wider audience."

On Wednesday we were also hosting the PATHS hub meeting, schools from across the county visited us a PATHS model school, and they were also really impressed with the children's work and displays.

The children's work was stunning, another proud moment for our school.

Thank you to Miss Carter for co-ordinating the artwork as well as all the children and staff who contributed!

PATHS Feelings Cards

There are parent PATHS cards for comfortable and uncomfortable feelings, if you would like to use these at home with your child/ren, we have attached them to the newsletter for information. Printed copies are available from the school lobby area.

Mental Health

if you are interested in finding out about mental health there are some amazing websites that can support you by information sharing, suggestions on how to support your child's confidence and resilience or even how to start a conversation.

Anna Freud Schools in Mind

You're never too young to talk mental health: Tips for talking for parents and carers <https://www.annafreud.org/what-we-do/schools-in-mind/youre-never-too->

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[young-to-talk-mental-health/tips-for-talking-for-parents-and-carers/](https://youngminds.org.uk/tips-for-talking-for-parents-and-carers/)

Young Minds <https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/>

For Parents. Worried about a child or young person's behaviour or mental health? You're not alone.

- Parents' Guide to Support A-Z
- Parents Lounge
- Parents Survival Guide
- Parents/Carers helpline: 0808 802 5544 Call for free Mon-Fri from 9:30am to 4pm <https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/parents-helpline/>

Parents Helpline Worried about a child or young person? Call our free helpline for confidential, expert advice.

The #Take20 parents hub <https://youngminds.org.uk/take20/>

Talking to your child about how they're feeling can be hard. By taking 20 minutes with them to do an activity you'll both enjoy, you'll create a relaxed space;

- Top Tips for you and your child
- Starting the conversation – 20 activities for 20 minutes/Download conversation starters

MindEd for Families Health Education England

<https://www.minded.org.uk/families/index.html#/>

- Leaflets;
- Build your child's confidence and resilience;
- Parenting Tips.

World Book Day - Rearranged Dates

We have rearranged

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

to **Wednesday 21st March**; 3:15-4:15pm.

Children will be taken to the event by class teachers. Collection arrangements will be as normal for the main school and Nursery children will come out from Dragonfly room. Older siblings will come out with younger siblings. We are assuming that the children due to attend on 28th February will all be coming on 21st March so please contact the office if that is no longer the case. There are still some places left so please request a booking form if your child would like to attend.

Dress Up Day has been rearranged to **Thursday 22nd March**.

Ketts Books will also be running their book fair after school on **22nd March**.

World Book Day Tokens were sent out via classes on Tuesday 6th March, they are valid to use until 25th March so they can still be used at Ketts Book Fair on the 22nd.

After-School Clubs - Rescheduled Sessions

Following on from last week's snow days, the after-school club providers will be offering the following arrangements to make up for the missed session/s.

Additional Session

Fencing: Friday 16th March

Dodgeball: Monday 26th March

TKF Karate: Wednesday 28th March

Learn Play Grow: Thursday 19th April

Mad Science: Friday 20th April

Additional Time

Football is going to run for an extra 15 minutes per session until the end of term, pick up via the school office at **4:30pm**.

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Set Your Sights Assembly 9:05am Thursday 22nd March - Drama After School Club

We would like to invite parents of children taking part in the Drama After School Club to an assembly run by Set Your Sights on Thursday 22nd March at 9:05am. We hope you can join us to see what the children have been learning.

Sports Relief - Friday 23rd March

All children can dress up in sports kits for a £1 donation that we will send to Sports Relief. Each year group are doing their own theme and details not included in the newsletter will come from the classes direct.

Year 3 Sports Relief Fundraising - 19th & 23rd March

Year 3 classes will be holding a second hand book sale before and after school on Monday 19th and Friday 23rd March. They will be at a table outside the Year 3 classrooms, please come and buy a bargain book!

Year 2 ESKA Karate Grading - Tuesday 27th March

Year 2 classes have been learning karate in school time, they will be grading for Red Belt on Tuesday 27th March, **Deer** class at 9:15am and **Fox** class at 10:15am. Parents are welcome to come into watch, please come via the school office to sign in. Letters from EKSA were sent home with children yesterday.

Year 2 Cancelled Wymondham Walk

We were hoping to rearrange the missed Year 2 Wymondham Walk to another day this term. Unfortunately the three unexpected snow days means that it has not been possible to fit this into the timetable. Thank you to all the parents who had volunteered to walk with us!

Parents' Evenings - 24th, 25th and 26th April

The main school, (Reception through to Year 5), will have the opportunity to book appointments for parents' evenings on Tuesday 24th, Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th April. Timings will be 3:10-5:30pm on Tuesday and Thursday, 3:10-6:30pm on Wednesday.

Nursery parents will have the option to make an appointment with Mrs Lacey between 8:00am to 3:00pm on Thursday 26th April or Mrs Sprake between 3:30-6:30 on Wednesday 25th, and 3:30-5:30pm on Thursday 26th.

Invitations will be sent out via email when we return after the Easter holiday.

School Communication

- We are changing our school Management Information System from SIMS to Pupil Asset. To check that all the information has transferred correctly, we will be sending the contact details for each child home on Monday 19th March, **please look out for these and return the form signed, to confirm the details are correct, or with any changes needed, to school before the end of term.**
- Text and email communications will soon be sent out via Pupil Asset rather than Teachers2Parents but we will phase this in over the next few weeks.
- Pupil Asset have advised that initially you may need to check your Junk folders and add Pupil Asset to your safe sender lists to ensure you continue to receive emails into your Inbox.

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Ashleigh Farm Project - can you help?

We are urgently looking for a team of around 10 adult (accompanying children also welcome) volunteers to help lay a gravel path across the Ashleigh Farm area on **Saturday March 17th**. The project will be led by Mr Finch and will involve cutting and laying timber edging, a weed proof membrane and a good covering of gravel from the front gates of the farm across to the nursery gate. This path will help make the farm area more accessible during the winter months. He is looking particularly for volunteers with wheel barrows, spades, drills and saws. Please either email Mr Finch (via office@ashleigh.norfolk.sch.uk) or speak to him directly. Thank you!

Ashleigh Friends Quiz and Chips

Quiz & Chips

Thank you to everyone who came to the Quiz & Chips last Friday night. We had over 100 people attend and the evening was full of fun and laughter, including some rather fantastic marshmallow and spaghetti Eiffel towers. We would like to thank our brilliant quiz master Alex and both Mr Nixon and Mr Wheeler for assisting him. We would also like to thank Chips Away for the food. From the quiz and the raffle held on the night we raised £550.

Cake Sale

Ashleigh Friends will be holding our next cake sale on Monday 26th March from 2.45pm in the school playground. Come and find us near the Trim Trail. We are asking for your support by baking cakes for us. These can be brought to school on the morning. We will confirm drop off details for cake donations next week.

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:

- Watch the Be Food Smart film on the School Zone. Can you remember the examples of healthier breakfast food that the reporter shares?
- How many different colours can you see in your packed or school lunch? Can you name the different fruit and veg on your plate?

Wisepay: Nursery, Years 3, 4 and 5

- Menus are available to book online up to **Wednesday 28th March**. The summer menu from Edwards & Blake will be sent home next Friday, and menus available to book for the summer term.
- 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.
- If you booked lunches via Wisepay (Nursery, Years 3, 4 and 5) for days when the school was closed due to snow, please call or email the office and we can rearrange those bookings to a new date.

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.
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Diary Dates - Weekly Updates & Rearranged Events

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.

Fri 16 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 x Year 5 children to visit Cambridge 1:15-2:45pm Hazel Class – French Family Learning
Sat 17 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ashleigh Farm Project (please contact Mr Finch)
Mon 19 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 x Year 1 children to Football Tournament
Tues 20 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Elm Class swimming at Wymondham Leisure Centre
Wed 21 st Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00-11:30am Communication Matters Reception trip to High Lodge 3:15-4:15pm Story Café and Big Book Quiz
Thurs 22 nd Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:05am Drama After School Club Assembly World Book Day – Dress as Favourite Characters 3:00-4:00pm Ketts Book Fair (Rear Mobile)
Fri 23 rd Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports Relief 9:00am Year 4 and 5 After School Club Choir Assembly
Mon 26 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:30-2:30pm Nursery Stay and Play 3pm Ashleigh Friends Cake Sale 3:10-3:45pm Year 5 Ancient Greece Exhibition
Tues 27 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 2 Karate Grading (ESKA to send letter inviting parents) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:15am Deer 10:15am Foxes 9:30-10:30am Nursery Stay and Play a.m. Elm Class swimming at Wymondham Leisure Centre 2:15pm Year 1 African Drumming Performance 3pm Year 5 Football v White Woman Lane Junior – Away 3:45pm After School Club African Drumming Performance
Wed 28 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30-10:30am Nursery Stay and Play 3:10-3:40pm Year 4 Open Classroom
Mon 16 th Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45am School reopens
Tues 24 th Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:10-5:30pm Parents' Evening (School)
Wed 25 th Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:10-5:30pm Parents' Evening (Nursery & School)
Thurs 26 th Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00-3:00pm Nursery Parent's Appointments 3:10-5:30pm Parents' Evening (Nursery & School)
Thurs 10 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports Day (Details to follow) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Years 3-5; p.m. Reception, Years 1 & 2
Tues 22 nd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports Day Reserve <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Years 3-5; p.m. Reception, Years 1 & 2
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

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

Wednesday 28th March 3:00pm School closes for Easter holidays

Monday 16th April 8:45am School opens for Summer 1

Monday 7th 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.
