



Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery

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Ashleigh Governors' Update

Governors met this week for the annual Deep Dive Day followed by their termly Full Governing Board Meeting.

The Deep Dive day was an opportunity for the Governors to meet with a range of school staff and review the achievements of the school from the 2017-18 academic year. Governors reviewed the collection and use of data, the increased nursery provision and the training and development of teachers and staff. The Governors were particularly impressed by a pro-active approach in all areas. The School's approach of research-based interventions and actions are to be commended. It was clear to the Governors that the school appreciate their staff as much as the staff appreciate the school which can only be of benefit to all the pupils.

The Full Governing Board (FGB) heard a comprehensive update from Mr Nixon under the Headteacher's report. The Governors reviewed the new school governance structure which sees some changes in the way the governing roles provide assurance. A safeguarding report was reviewed which saw the school compliant in all areas of safeguarding, which is excellent as this is statutory requirement relating to keeping children safe in education. The meeting also reviewed and approved a number of school policies which can be identified through the Governor FGB minutes (will be available shortly on the school website), and approved the appointment of a new Co-Opted Governor. The next scheduled FGB is 16th July.

Sports Day Thursday 10th May

We hope everyone that was able to join us yesterday enjoyed it as much as the children! The top scoring houses for the upper and lower school will be announced in assemblies and shared in next week's newsletter. It was lovely to see so many people enjoying the family picnic at lunchtime.

Mrs Carolan - Hedgehog Class

Mrs Carolan will be leaving Ashleigh at the end of this academic year. Whilst we will be sad to see her leave, we are pleased for her as she has been appointed as the Early Years Lead at Recreation Road Infant School. This is an excellent next career step for her and we wish her every success. We are currently advertising for a replacement and will update parents in due course.

Cycling Helmets

It is great to see so many children walking and cycling to school. Could we please ask parents to ensure that all children who cycle to school wear a helmet. Advice on safe cycling can be found via the link below.

<https://www.sustrans.org.uk/what-you-can-do/children-and-families/cycling-kids/cycling-safety-children>

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Science & Farming Week from Monday 14th May

Next week will be Science and Farming week at Ashleigh. Throughout the week we will be welcoming a number of special visitors such as local farmers, scientists, supermarkets and authors which will be working with different year groups. Authors Doug Vallgren and Sandra Derry who have both written children's books linked to animals and plants will be working with Nursery, Reception and Year 1 children on Monday and Tuesday and there will be a special opportunity for all children to purchase books at the end of the day. Books will be priced between £5 and £6.50 and will be available outside the main hall.

Farmers' Market - 2:45pm Friday 18th May

The children are already working hard on their plans for the annual farmers market. They will all be competing to see which year group can raise the most money for the school farm from their £10 investment. Gates will open from 2:45pm on Friday.

Singing Lessons - Key Stage 2

Thank you to everyone who expressed an interest in possible Singing Lessons being arranged during the summer term.

Unfortunately we have not had enough interest on this occasion to be able to arrange the lessons but we plan to offer them again in the autumn term when hopefully there will be a higher uptake.

Library Volunteers

If you would be interested in helping out with some of the administration of the school library (reshelving books, adding books to stock etc.) please contact the school office.

No Ball Games

Please do not let children use school equipment in the mornings at drop-off. We have had several reports of footballs striking prams, children and adults. The equipment is there to be used at break and lunch times under staff supervision. Thank you.

Bamboo Canes - Year 1

Year 1 would appreciate any donations of bamboo canes you could spare, they need them for a project for Science Week (14th May).

Ashleigh Animals

The lambs have arrived. Children have been enjoying feeding and looking after the lambs, as have the staff!

The chicks in Reception's incubator have started to hatch, if you would like to have a look please visit Reception after school one day.

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Ashleigh Friends

Search for a Shining Star

Would you like to be part of Ashleigh's first ever talent show? Do you have a secret talent you would like to share? Do you think you've got what it takes to be Ashleigh's Shining Star? If you answered yes to any of the above, then you need to sign up for the auditions for our talent show, Search for a Shining Star. If you are interested in taking part entry forms are available from the school office and were also emailed home last week. Finalists will be invited to perform at the Ashleigh Friends summer festival, Ashfest, on Saturday 7th July.



Farmers' Market/Cake Sale

Ashleigh Friends will be holding a cake sale as part of this year's Farmers' Market on **Friday 18th May** after school. We are asking for donations of cakes for our stall to be brought to the school on the morning of the market. Please bring donations to the school office on Friday morning. Don't forget to collect your named containers either at the end of the cake sale or the following week from the mobile foyer.

Non-Uniform Day

Ashleigh Friends are hosting a non-uniform day on Friday 25th May. Suggested donation is £1 per child, donations can be given to your class teacher on the day.

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:

- After watching the Be Food Smart film on the School Zone can you remember the examples of healthier breakfast foods?
- How many different colours can you see in your lunch? Can you name the different vegetables or fruits on your plate or in your lunchbox?

Wisepay: Nursery, Years 3, 4 and 5

- Menus are available to book online up to **Friday 25th May**.
- As soon as we receive menus for next half term they will be published on Wisepay.
- 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.

School Clubs

Day	Club	Years	Status	Collect	Final Date
Monday	Pop Dance	Y1-6	Full	4:00pm	9 th July
	Code Club	Y3	Full	4:15pm	21 st May
	Drama	R-Y5	Full	4:15pm	21 st May
	Netball	Y5	Full	4:15pm	21 st May
Tuesday	Chess	Y3-5	TBC	4:00pm	10 th July
	Gymnastics	R-Y5	14 Spaces	4:15pm	17 th July
	African Drumming	Y2-5	Spaces	4:10pm	17 th July
	Girls' Football	Y5	Full	4:00pm	17 th July
Wednesday	Cheerleading	Y3-5	5 spaces	4:15pm	23 rd May

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	Choir	Y4-5	Full	3:45pm	18 th July
	Football	Y3-5	Full	4:15pm	18 th July
	Karate*	R-Y5	Spaces	4:15pm	18 th July *
	Running	R-Y5	Full	4:00pm	18 th July ^^
	Wild Play Group	Y2-5	Full	4:30pm	23 rd May
Thursday	Learn Play Grow	R-Y2	Spaces	4:15pm	19 th July
	Cricket	R-Y5	Spaces	4:15pm	19 th July
	Mini-Olympics	R-Y5	15 spaces	4:15pm	19 th July
Friday	Dodgeball	R-Y5	Full	4:15pm	25 th May
	Hockey	Y4-5	Full	4:15pm	25 th May

- Collection is from the school office at the times shown above.
- ^^ Running Club collection is via the Lime Tree Avenue gate.
- If you are interested in any of the clubs with spaces please contact the office.
- * **Karate Club will not run on 16th.**



We have children with severe nut allergies in school;
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.

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.

Tues 15 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Year 3 to Morley Farm (letter sent 4th May)
Wed 16 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • * No Karate Club today
Fri 18 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:05am Maple Class Assembly • 9:30-10:30am Nursery Stay and Play • 2:00-3:00pm Nursery Stay and Play • 2:45-3:20pm Ashleigh Farmers Market
Mon 21 st May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:30pm Year 2 Family Learning Event "Writing School" • 3:10-3:40pm Year 5 Open Classroom
Tues 22 nd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:10-10:15am 19 x Year 1 Parent Phonics Meeting (letter sent 2nd May)
Wed 23 rd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00am-2:00pm Reception Hearing & Vision Testing
Thurs 24 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:30pm Year 1 Family Learning "How does your garden grow?" (Please bring wellies!)
Fri 25 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 4 to Overstrand (letter sent 11th May) • Ashleigh Friends Non-School Uniform Day (not Year 4)
Tues 5 th Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 3 to Stag Lane Junior School (letter to follow 18th May) • a.m. Ashleigh's Got Talent Auditions
Wed 6 th Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Ashleigh's Got Talent Auditions
Thurs 7 th Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 1 to Banham Zoo (letter to follow)
Mon 11 th Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 2 to Time & Tide Museum (letter to follow)
Thurs 14 th Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursery to Dinosaur Park (confirmation letter to follow)

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Fri 15 th Jun	• PTA Summer Discos (details to be confirmed)
Thurs 21 st Jun	• External (non-Nursery) Reception 2018 Intake Visits
Fri 22 nd Jun	• 9:00-10:00am Nursery September 2018 Intake Meeting
Wed 27 th Jun	• Year 3 to Royal Norfolk Show (letter to follow)
Thurs 28 th Jun	• Transition Day for September 2018 - all Classes
Tues 3 rd Jul	• a.m. Banham Zoo visiting Reception classes (letter to follow)
Thurs 5 th Jul	• 9:15am Reception September 2018 Parents' meeting (please note new time).
Sat 7 th Jul	• 12-4pm Ashleigh Friends Summer Festival
Sat 14 th Jul	• The Brilliant Club Graduation, UEA (details to follow)
Tues 17 th Jul	• 2:15pm African Drumming Performance for Reception Parents • 3:45pm African Drumming Performance for After School Club Parents
Fri 20 th Jul	• 2:30pm Year 1 Family Learning Event "Book Look"
Tues 24 th Jul	• 3:00pm School closes for summer holidays

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).

2017-2018 Term Dates

Friday 25 th May	3:00pm School closes for half term
Monday 4 th June	8:45am School opens
Tuesday 24 th July 2018	3:00pm School closes for summer holidays

2018-2019 Term Dates

Monday 3 rd September 2018	INSET Day
Tuesday 4 th September	INSET Day
Wednesday 5 th September	INSET Day
Thursday 6 th September	8:45am School opens
Wednesday 17 th October	3:00pm School closes for half term
Monday 29 th October	8:45am School opens
Tuesday 18 th December	3:00pm School closes for Christmas holidays
Wednesday 2 nd January 2019	INSET Day
Thursday 3 rd January	8:45am School opens
Friday 15 th February	3:00pm School closes for half term
Monday 25 th February	8:45am School opens
Friday 5 th April	3:00pm School closes for Easter holidays
Tuesday 23 rd April	8:45am School opens
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
Wednesday 24 th July 2019	3:00pm School closes for summer holidays

2019-2020 Term Dates

Monday 2 nd September 2019	INSET Day
Tuesday 3 rd September	INSET Day
Wednesday 4 th September	8:45am School opens
Friday 18 th October	3:00pm School closes for half term

Monday 28th October
Wednesday 18th December

8:45am School opens
3:00pm School closes for Christmas holidays

Friday 3rd January 2020
Monday 6th January
Friday 14th February
Monday 24th February
Wednesday 1st April
Thursday 2nd April

INSET Day
8:45am School opens
3:00pm School closes for half term
8:45am School opens
3:00pm School closes for Easter holidays
INSET Day

Tuesday 20th April
Monday 4th May
Friday 22nd May
Monday 1st June
Tuesday 21st July 2020

8:45am School opens
Bank Holiday
3:00pm School closes for half term
8:45am School opens
3:00pm School closes for summer holidays