

Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery

Newsletter Date

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Staff News

We are pleased to welcome the following new members of staff, joining us in September 2020:

- Mr Garlinge, will be working two days a week in Squirrel class, to cover Mrs Miller's Assistant Headteacher duties. Some parents may remember Mr Garlinge who taught here when we were still an Infant School, we are really looking forward to welcoming him back!
- Mr Brain, will be working two days a week in Sycamore class, to cover Mr Finch's Assistant Headteacher duties. He will also be working one day a week in Willow class, to cover Miss Webb's SENCO duties. Mr Brain is already familiar with Ashleigh, having worked across all year groups as supply, and we are delighted he is joining the team.
- Mr Zilch, will be Bat class teacher. Mr Zilch was on placement in Bat class earlier this year, and we are thrilled he is joining us full time from September.

We're sure you will extend your usual warm welcome and support to new staff members.

Sadly, we also have to say goodbye to two of our team who are retiring at the end of term:

- Mrs Sharman, Ash TA, who has been a fantastic member of the Year 6 and Ashleigh team; and
- Mrs Balls, MSA, who joined Ashleigh in 2006 and has been outside in all weather over the years, taking care of the children at lunchtime.

We wish you both all the very best and hope you enjoy your retirement, you will be missed!

Emergency Contact Details

- Please make sure you call or email the office with any new contact numbers or email addresses as soon as possible.
- If they change at any time in the future **please remember to update us**, it is obviously crucial that we can contact parents/carers in case of emergency.

Transition Arrangements - 15th July

- Please return the stamped addressed postcodes to your child's new teacher. The postcard could include a simple drawing, a few short sentences telling us about what they've been doing at home, hobbies, and interests etc.
- Wednesday 15th July will be our virtual transition day when class teachers will be uploading activities and messages for their new class in September.

School Lunches to the end of term

- The menu will be limited to a school packed lunch (or home packed).



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01953 602410
Mrs Greenacre & Miss Lacey
Acting Headteachers

- Sandwich fillings available are tuna, ham, cheese, or egg mayonnaise, plus vegetable crudities, a piece of fruit, baked treat, and juice cup.
- Year 6 should continue to order via Wisepay, as should Nursery and Years 3, 4 & 5 keyworker children.
- Reception and Year 1 children will receive a school packed lunch to take home on the days they are attending.
- Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 will be able to order in school as normal.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Claire, our chef in the kitchen, who has been working alone during lockdown, and doing a wonderful job of providing food and snacks for children in school. She has been fantastic!

FSM Voucher Scheme

- Free school meal vouchers will continue to be issued weekly on Mondays, with the last voucher being sent on Monday 20th July.
- The government have extended the scheme to cover the summer holidays, we have ordered the voucher to be emailed to you, £90 per child for the holiday period.
- **As a reminder, supermarkets cannot accept FSM eCodes in store, parents must first exchange them online for supermarket eGift cards at www.freeschoolmeals.co.uk**

Fire Safety Competition Winner

Congratulations to Mia-Rose in Chestnut class whose poster design has won a fire safety competition. Mia-Rose receives an Amazon voucher for herself, and a visit from the fire crew for her class – hopefully next term – well done Mia-Rose!

Ashleigh Friends PTA

Thank you to everyone who joined us on our first virtual PTA meeting via Zoom. It was great to see familiar and new faces.

We successfully voted in new committee members to the vacant PTA roles. The newly elected committee are -

Chair:	Jordy Wheeler
Joint Vice-Chairs:	Caroline Jarvis and Kate Roe
Treasurer:	Leigh Crowden
Secretary:	Jemima Tash

Please let us know if you'd like to join our mailing list by emailing:
ashleighfriendspta@hotmail.co.uk

Mrs Greenacre and Miss Lacey would like to thank Vikki Eggett, Sammy Renforth, Dave Roberts, and Hayley Morrison for all their hard work on the committee and for the successful events they organised, raising £1000s for the school.

We have been really fortunate with the dedication and willing spirit of past and present PTAs and we're sure they will embrace the latest challenge of fundraising whilst social distancing with enthusiasm!



School Office - Closed 11:30am-1:30pm 15th July for School Money Training

- Please note that the **school office will be closed on Wednesday 15th July between 11:30am and 1:30pm** for training on our new School Money system.
- School Money will be operational from September and parents/carers will receive information on using the system to pay for school lunches (and trips etc.) as soon as possible in September.
- We are planning a two week handover period where we can accept cash and cheque payments as we trial the new system.
- After 21st July 2020 we will no longer be using Wisepay for lunch payments.

Year 6 SATS Books

- Please return SATS books as soon as possible, if your child is attending Year 6 provision can they please bring the books in when they come next. If they are not attending provision please return them to the school office before the end of term.

School Library Books

- Please return all school library books before the end of term.
- Can children accessing bubble and keyworker provision hand them in when they are next in school.
- Can all other children bring their library books back to school when they return. Thank you.

End of Term Dates

- We will be closing on **Friday 17th July** to those children currently accessing **Reception, Year 1, and Year 6** part-time provision.
- **We will be closing to keyworker/vulnerable children at 3:15pm on Tuesday 21st July.**

Summer Holiday - Robert Kett Extra Time Club

- Robert Kett's Extra Time Club will be running from Wednesday 22nd July to Friday 4th September and can be booked via the link below, or by visiting their website and going to the Extra Time section.
<https://forms.gle/aybpaopjHReq9w7RA>
- Please note that this is a normal paid club (keyworker childcare provision is not being funded during the summer holidays).

Updated Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSiE)

In advance of the release of the updated Keeping Children Safe in Education which comes into force on 1st September 2020 (until then KCSiE 2019 remains), the government has produced a useful webpage including lots of useful information



about all the ways in which we can keep children safe including online safety and mental health.

You can find the information here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-from-abuse-and-harm/advice-to-parents-and-carers-on-keeping-children-safe-from-abuse-and-harm>

Barnardo's 'See Hear Respond' Service

- See Hear Respond is a service provided across England by Barnardo's and other national and local community-based organisations in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.
- The programme has been created to help children and young people in England who are experiencing harm and increased adversity during this period by providing support to those who are not being seen by social care or other key agencies.
- Working with its partners, Barnardo's aims to reduce the likelihood of harm and ensure other support and protective networks are in place using:
 - online digital support, including advice and information, online counselling, and a telephone helpline
 - face to face interventions, such as support for groups at risk outside the home and one to one support
 - reintegration into education, including assessments and the delivery of support pathways back to education

See Hear Respond accept referrals from any source either through the Freephone number 0800 151 7015 and via the [online referral hub](#).

Information Section

Returning to School

Classes from September 2020

Current Class	Class from September	Teacher	Teaching Assistant
	Dragonfly Butterfly	Mrs Sprake & Mrs Roberts	Ms Bruce Mrs Cowdry Mrs Gray Miss Scott Mrs Sharp
	Squirrel	Mrs Miller & Mr Garlinge	Mrs Anderson
	Hedgehog	Mrs Ellero	Mrs McPherson
Hedgehogs	Bat	Mr Zilch	Mrs Lambert
Squirrels	Barn Owl	Miss Eyre	Mrs Moore
Barn Owls	Fox	Miss Pender	Mrs Robinson
Bats	Deer	Mr Walker	Mrs Page



Fox	Birch	Mrs Landis	Mrs Bullen Mrs Barrett Mrs Harvey
Deer	Hazel	Mr Wheeler	Miss O'Donovan
Birch	Maple	Mrs Saadvandi & Mrs Mann	Mrs English Mr Scott
Hazel	Elm	Mr Gately	
Elm	Willow	Miss Webb	Mrs Chalcraft Mrs Starling
Maple	Mulberry	Miss Morecz	Mrs Stratton
Chestnut	Ash	Miss Stephens	Mrs Feeney
Mulberry	Sycamore	Mr Finch & Mr Brain	Mrs Chubbock
Willow	Sallow	Mr Saunders	Mrs Clark Mrs Laws

Social Story

A social story is a simple description of a situation, written from a child's perspective. The goal of a social story is to share accurate social information in a patient and reassuring manner that is easily understood. You may find this link useful to share with your child/ren: <https://www.elsa-support.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Social-contact-story.pdf>

NCC Video

We are pleased to include a link to an animated video from Norfolk County Council that both parents and children might find helpful regarding returning to school. It is only 96 seconds long.

<https://youtu.be/VLK3YjzS-rY>

Free School Meals - How to Apply

- **Free School Meals** are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:
 - Universal Credit (provided the family has an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to 3 of the most recent assessment periods);
 - Income Support;
 - Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance;
 - Income-related Employment and Support Allowance;
 - Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
 - The guarantee element of Pension Credit;
 - Child Tax Credit (providing the family is not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190);
 - Working Tax Credit run on – paid for four weeks after a claimant stops qualifying for Working Tax Credit.
- Norfolk County Council are offering an online Free School Meals application service. Parents/carers can create an account at the below web address, to carry out a check on your entitlement:
<https://fiso.norfolk.gov.uk/synergy/Enquiries/Citizen/FreeSchoolMeals.aspx>



- The information will be sent direct to the Free School Meal Application Team at Norfolk County Council. The school would then be notified of changes to the eligibility of children attending Ashleigh.

Safeguarding & Online Safety

At a time when children are likely to be spending increased time online for learning and keeping in touch with friends, you may find these useful:

- The county-wide safeguarding campaign – **See Something, Hear Something, Say Something.**
- Neighbours, extended family, those working to provide essential services and volunteers are encouraged to look out for the county's children, as the coronavirus lockdown continues.
- The campaign, backed by the Norfolk Safeguarding Children Partnership, is calling on communities to help keep Norfolk's children safe. It is asking for everyone that might still be seeing or hearing children to look out for them. The message is See Something, Hear Something, Say Something.
- Signs to look out for may include:
 - aggressive or repeated shouting
 - hearing hitting or things being broken
 - children crying for long periods of time
 - very young children left alone or outdoors by themselves.
- If something doesn't seem right and if you feel a child or young person may need help you can contact the council on 0344 800 80 20.
- In an emergency call 999.

Online Safety Poster for Parents/Carers: -

<https://www.norfolkscb.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/3OnlineSafetyPosterParents.pdf>

Online Safety Poster for Children: -

<https://www.norfolkscb.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/3OnlineSafetyPosterChildren.pdf>

Digital Five a Day: - Easy to follow, practical steps for children and parents to achieve a healthy and balanced digital diet

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/our-work/digital/5-a-day/>

Net Aware - <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

provides guidance around all the popular apps and games, including age and risk ratings.

Thinkuknow - <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

provides information on staying safe online as well as a range of educational resources that can be utilised for home learning.

Think U Know have created videos to support parents during Covid-19 and the closure of schools to many children. You can find the videos here: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/presentations-for-parents/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-online/coronavirus-covid-19-support-for-parents-and-carers-to-keep-children-safe-online>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-staying-safe-online>



Mental Health & Information Resources

- Use this website to find out how to access mental health advice and support for 0 -25's in Norfolk. You don't need a referral; you can get in touch straight away for advice. <https://justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/mentalhealth>
- MindEd educational resources for adults about children and young people's mental health, which is relevant for teachers, other professionals working with children, volunteers, parents and carers. <https://www.minded.org.uk/>
- The Every Mind Matters platform, from Public Health England, about looking after your mental health. <https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/>
- Childline has created a new webpage with information for children and young people about Coronavirus. The page includes information about: what Coronavirus is; where children and young people can find help if they are worried; coping if they are staying at home; and what to do if they are feeling unwell. <https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/your-feelings/anxiety-stress-panic/worries-about-the-world/coronavirus/>
- Newsround have information on their website about Coronavirus <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/51896156>
- www.sheffieldchildrens.nhs.uk - Self Care Kit booklet to work through for children - from Sheffield NHS
- www.unicef.org/coronavirus - How to Talk To Your Child about coronavirus disease
- www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk – see Children's guide to Coronavirus
- www.nosycrow.com - online digital book 'Coronavirus' for primary aged children- by Alex Scheffler
- www.relate.org.uk – good advice on relationship difficulties, managing anxiety, bereavement
- www.childhoodbereavementnetwork.org.uk – supporting bereaved children and young people
- www.mindedforfamilies.org.uk – free learning resources about mental health for children and young people

