

Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery

Newsletter Date

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Governor Vacancy

Would you be interested in becoming a Governor of Ashleigh? Have you ever considered it? We are looking for more individuals to join our lively and dynamic Governing Board.

- The 3 core functions of a Governing Board are:
 - Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction for Ashleigh;
 - Holding executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the effective and efficient performance management of staff; and
 - Overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure it's money well spent.
- Essentially, what this means is that as Governors we act as "critical friends" to the school leadership team and provide challenge and support from the different perspectives and backgrounds that we all have. The role is a strategic one rather than operational. We meet twice a term – at the moment via Zoom – for a meeting that we try our best to keep to 2 hours and in between those meetings there would be some work involved in reading reports and papers for the upcoming meeting and carrying out monitoring activities. If you were interested we would introduce you at a pace to suit yourself. No prior experience in education is required, just a willingness to contribute to the ongoing successes of Ashleigh.
- We are particularly looking for anyone that has an interest or background in health and safety, the wider community, the national curriculum, keeping the website updated and overseeing and implementing new school policy.
- As a Governing Board we are quite heavily dominated by parents of children in the school. Whilst this is not a problem in and of itself, we would like to see if there is anyone from outside the school community that would be willing to give it a go. Having said that, we understand that those who become Governors tend to do so because of their child/ren attending the school so parents, please feel happy to apply too!
- If you are interested or would like to find out more information (with no obligation) please contact the school office and they will pass me your details.

Mr Sam Greenhalgh
Chair of Governors

Parent Teacher Consultations

- This term, parent's consultations will be offered via telephone call the week beginning the 12th Oct and 19th Oct.



- Prior to the meeting, teachers will share examples of your child's work completed this half term to discuss during the phone call.
- Please make sure you book a time slot to speak to your child's teacher - these will be sent out next week.

Thank you.

MSA Vacancies

Midday Supervisory Assistants x2

1:1 Midday Supervisory Assistant x1 – Supporting a child with medical needs

- Salary – £9.25 per hour
Monday – Friday: 1 hour ten minutes per day (Lunchtime, specific times to be confirmed at interview); Term time only.
- We are seeking to appoint Midday Supervisory Assistants to join our friendly, enthusiastic team.
- Duties include supervision of children within school, in outdoor areas and leading play and games.
- You will need to have a calm and caring manner and enjoy working with children. Being friendly, approachable, and able to develop positive and constructive relationships with children and staff is essential. You will receive training as required.
- Closing date: Midday on Friday 9th October
- Interview date: TBC (by phone/Zoom)
- [Application forms are available from the office or http://www.ashleighprimary.com/category/news/vacancies/](http://www.ashleighprimary.com/category/news/vacancies/)

Treehouse & Nursery Payments

- Just a reminder for Treehouse and Nursery parents/carers that invoices for this half term are due for payment on Monday 5th October via School Money.
- We hope the new system is making the process easier, and appreciate all the feedback we have received since rolling it out this term.

Harvest Festival Arrangements

- It is not possible to bring food donations into school at present, if you wish to donate locally supermarkets will have a collection point in store.

Reception

- Reception children are invited to dress up as a farmer or a scarecrow on **Friday 9th October** to celebrate in class.
- Our Harvest Festival celebration will be shared with families on Seesaw on Friday 16th October and can be accessed on Seesaw any time after this date.

Years 1 and 2

- Years 1 and 2 will share artwork and a poem/song (now that singing is permitted) on each class' Seesaw on Friday 9th October; so it will be very similar to the usual Harvest Assembly, just performed by individual classes and shared online.



School Photographs - Tuesday 13th October

- Our school photographers are coming in to school on Tuesday 13th October to take photos of individual children. The company will be adhering to government guidelines.
- Given the current restrictions they will not be taking sibling photographs in October, but we have booked sibling photos in for Wednesday 3rd March 2021, government guidelines at the time permitting.
- **Nursery children** that do not attend on Tuesdays will have the opportunity to come in at 8:30am if you wish them to have their photo taken that day. Parents would need to wait for the children and they would leave directly after their photograph. Please confirm if you will be bringing your child in on this basis to nursery@ashleighprimary.net

Thank you for your understanding.

Road Safety

Please take care when children are crossing the roads to and from school. A parent has contacted us today after a child ran out in front of the car, luckily she was able to stop in time. Please remind children to stop, look and listen, and look again, before crossing. Thank you.

Community Arts Project

- The whole school has started working on a community arts project.
- Our first theme was: 'We are all in the same storm, but we are not all in the same boats'. There are some fantastic displays popping up around the school where children have used art to express their experiences. We look forward to sharing this with you in a virtual 'Gallery of Hope' later in the term.
- Our next theme is: 'We are part of a big picture' and the whole school will be working together to make a giant jigsaw of our feelings. The children will reflect on comfortable and uncomfortable feelings and will each make 2 pieces for our jigsaw puzzle. You may want to discuss the follow things at home:
 - What comfortable feelings can you think of? (Happy, excited, calm...)
 - How does your body respond to comfortable feelings?
 - What uncomfortable feelings can you think of? (Sad, anxious, frustrated, jealous, angry...)
 - How does your body respond to uncomfortable feelings?

ALL FEELINGS
ARE OK TO
HAVE

IT'S WHAT
YOU DO
WITH THEM
THAT
COUNTS!



PE Kit

Children should wear school appropriate PE kit: plain t-shirt, dark (navy/grey/black), plain jogging bottoms and jacket, and wet weather suitable trainers.

Trim Trail

As you know, the trim trail has been marked as out of bounds due to coronavirus restrictions.

Please be aware that children should not be playing on it for any reason, the equipment will be having essential maintenance work carried out.

Ashleigh Friends

Keeping in Touch

If you would like to get more involved this year there are two ways to contact us.

- You can be added to the mailing list by emailing:
ashleighfriendspta@hotmail.co.uk
 - You can also 'like' our facebook page: Ashleigh Friends PTA.
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NCC COVID-19 health, safety, and wellbeing pages.

<https://www.schools.norfolk.gov.uk/coronavirus/health-safety-and-wellbeing>

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/behaviour-and-attendance/attendance/school-attendance/when-to-keep-your-child-off-school>

Point 1 Contact Information

If you are looking for additional support to help manage worry within children and around going back to school during the pandemic, please contact Point 1 on 0800 977 4077 or Point1@ormistonfamilies.org.uk

Dates for your Diary

2020-2021 Dates

Fri 9 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reception Harvest Festival celebration• p.m. Year 2 Wymondham Walk
Tues 13 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Individual Photographs<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ (<i>Sibling photographs 03/03/2021</i>)
Wed 21 st Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3:00/3:15pm School & Nursery closes for half term
Thurs 22 nd Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• INSET Day
Mon 2 nd Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School and Nursery reopen
Fri 18 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3:00/3:15pm School & Nursery close for the Christmas holidays.
Mon 4 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School and Nursery reopen
Fri 12 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3:00/3:15pm School & Nursery close for half term
Mon 22 nd Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School and Nursery reopen
Fri 26 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3:00/3:15pm School & Nursery close for the Easter holidays



Mon 12 th Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School and Nursery reopen
Mon 3 rd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bank Holiday – School and Nursery closed for the day
Fri 28 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3:00/3:15pm School & Nursery close for half term
Mon 7 th Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School and Nursery reopen
Wed 21 st Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3:00/3:15pm School & Nursery close for the Summer holidays

Previous Newsletters

If you would like details of any of our previous newsletters, regarding (for example):

- Safeguarding;
- Keeping Children Safe in Education;
- Mental health support;
- Free School Meal applications;

Please contact the office who will be able to help you.

