

Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery

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Baby News

We would like to congratulate Mrs Dowling and her husband on the safe arrival of their daughter this week, it was lovely to hear the good news, and we wish them all every happiness together!

New Governors

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the three co-opted governors who are joining Ashleigh's governing body, and thank you to everyone who expressed an interest:

Co-opted Governors

Lis Jennings

Hello! My name is Lis Jennings and I am really excited to be joining the Board of Governors at Ashleigh. I moved to Wymondham in 2016 and absolutely love it here. I work at UEA as a Project Manager in the Department of Clinical Psychology; the programme I work on specifically trains therapists to work with children and young people in education settings, so the role of Governor will be interesting for me in respect of my job. Before I joined UEA, I worked for 18 years as a communications specialist in the cultural sector. My first Governor's meeting will be on 27th November and I am looking forward to learning more about the school and getting to know the school community.

David Wozzley

My family and I moved to Wymondham this year from Sussex, to begin new jobs and a new chapter of our lives, and we have felt very welcomed into the community by everyone we have met. I have been a teacher for the last twenty years – I began my career teaching for the county Music Service, and until recently was Head of Music in a large secondary school on the south coast. I now work for the ed-tech company GovernorHub, based in Norwich, whose online tools support schools and governor services across the country. I hope my skills and experience in education and governance will make a positive contribution to Ashleigh Primary School & Nursery.

Sharon Hill

My name is Sharon Hill and I have lived in Wymondham since 2003. I have worked in the field of Human Resources for many years (too many to mention) and in the last 15 years have trained and undertaken formal Health & Safety Qualifications with IOSH and NEBOSH and ILM Level 5 in Coaching. I also recently undertook the GDPR Practitioner level qualifications and Mental Health First Aid in order to support my employer further having taken up a new role in March of this year. I live with my husband and we are both season ticket holders at Norwich City Football Club and enjoy cycling, both being active members of Wymondham Leisure Centre and whenever possible you will see us at local events in the town or just cycling for miles and miles taking in our beautiful City.



Parent Governor

Rebecca Fletcher-Dungay

I have two girls who attend Ashleigh, one in reception and one in year two. I am self-employed and have owned my business for over 10 years, supplying bespoke sports clothing. With this I have gained several key skills, which include budgeting, planning, marketing and updating my own website.

Prior to March and the start of the pandemic I really enjoyed volunteering in my daughter's class, listening to the children reading and I look forward to continuing when the time is right.

During lock down, through home schooling it really opened my eyes to the impact and importance of the role of the teacher. It would be a great honour to become a governor and help support the school, teachers and pupils especially during this extremely difficult period.

Becoming a governor will give me the opportunity to learn new skills and understand more about what happens behind the school gates.

Being self-employed, I feel I have the time to support when required and attend governor meetings.

Like all parents I want the best for my children, and I believe that we need to support the school but at times we also need to question the way things are done. I would like to look at how things work and have an opportunity to make a difference and I would hope that I could accomplish this as a governor.

Year 6 World War II Day - Friday 4th December

- As part of our Year 6 World War 2 topic all Year 6 children will be taking part in a World War 2 Experience day on Friday 4th December. During this day we intend to provide a number of experiences which will allow them to become fully immersed in the life of a World War 2 Evacuee as well as demonstrate the learning which has taken place during this term.
- To enable this day to feel more authentic we would like to encourage all children to come to school for this day dressed like an evacuee child.
- It is important to mention that we do not expect you to go to any expense for these costumes and if you do have any problems, do feel free to speak to one of the Year 6 members of staff to see if we can help.
- In addition to this, you could include a World War 2 Evacuee packed lunch. This is not compulsory and school meals will be available as usual on the day.
- Suggestions for costumes and packed lunch contents have been emailed home separately today.

Headteacher Interviews - Monday 7th & Tuesday 8th December

The Headteacher interviews have been rearranged to 7th & 7th December, we hope that this time they will be able to go ahead as planned, and will notify you of the outcome as soon as possible.

Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day - Wednesday 9th December

- We feel it is important to offer the children, and staff, a Christmas lunch this year, this will be on Wednesday 9th December.



- Children are welcome to wear a Christmas top/jumper if they have one, however, please do not go to any extra expense.
- The lunchtime period has been extended to allow all children to eat in the hall with our additional cleaning measures between bubbles.
- The kitchen are providing a Main or Vegetarian Christmas meal on the 9th, there will be no other options available, although you are of course still able to send your child with a home packed lunch if you prefer. Please pre-book via SchoolMoney as normal.

Lunchtime Thank You

All our staff are going above and beyond with the additional demands generated by Covid-19 related guidelines.

We would also like to thank our MSA and Kitchen teams who are working really hard to ensure the children enjoy their lunchtimes. With social distancing and additional cleaning measures in place this has presented additional logistical challenges this term and we greatly appreciate everybody's efforts.

Self-Isolating Children

If you have a child who has been asked to self-isolate as a result of close contact with a positive case, and you have no one to look after them when you drop off or pick up siblings in school, please can we ask you to wear masks, observe social distancing, and agree a slightly removed place to wait for siblings to keep contact with other families to an absolute minimum. Thank you for your cooperation.

Social Media Age Limits

If you are not sure what age your child should be to use social media, these are the limits for a few popular sites:

13 years old and upwards

- Facebook
- Instagram
- TikTok
- Snapchat
- Twitter

14 years old and upwards

- MySpace

16 years old and upwards

- WhatsApp
- meet me

More information is available at

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/what-age-can-my-child-start-social-networking/>

Ashleigh Friends

Ways to support Ashleigh Friends this festive season!

Buy a raffle ticket:

- You will have received an email today about how to purchase raffle tickets via your SchoolMoney account.



- Please be aware that the maximum contribution is £10 if you wish to purchase 10 tickets. You are able to amend the amount when booking so please only pay for the number of tickets you wish to purchase; e.g. 3 tickets = £3.
- We have had to change the way we do it slightly this year, but with a first prize of £75 and second prize of a Christmas Hamper up for grabs you've got to be in it to win it! Raffle tickets will be available until the 11th December and the winner will be drawn on the 14th December.

Do your Christmas shopping:

New this year you have the opportunity to shop and support the PTA at the same time. If you already shop on Amazon you can switch to Amazon Smile and we also earn money. It's really simple to set up, totally free and you can even do it through the mobile app.

1. Join Amazon Smile via your web browser, don't forget to select Ashleigh Friends as your chosen charity at <https://smile.amazon.co.uk>;
2. If you don't have it already, download the Amazon App;
3. When you open the app, select settings from the main menu, select Amazon Smile and follow the instructions to complete the set up.

Buy a lottery ticket:

Join our school lottery to be in with a chance of winning a cash prize every week whilst supporting us too!

If you buy a lottery ticket between now and 19th December you will also be entered into a prize draw to win a fantastic Nintendo Switch bundle.

Tickets are just £1, visit www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/play and search for Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery to get started.

Remember to follow us on Facebook for regular updates and reminders.
Ashleigh Friends

Norfolk Winter Support Package

An initial package of support will be announced shortly to help Norfolk residents over the winter.

Norfolk County Council is developing or expanding at least three schemes to run over the colder months:

- a free school meals scheme for the holidays;
- a winter hardship scheme run through the Norfolk Community Foundation;
- the extension of the Norfolk Assistance Scheme, which provides food, clothes and equipment to those who need it.

Support over the Christmas holiday for pupils eligible for free school meals

- Norfolk County Council is working with food voucher company, Edenred, to provide support for all families with children eligible for free school meals, including children in the early years who receive pupil premium.
- Check free school meal eligibility criteria and sign up at: <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk>
- Signing up to the programme will give automatic eligibility to the holiday food voucher schemes that are being planned for the Christmas holidays.
- Anyone will be able to ask for support as part of the overall package of schemes, but the free school meal vouchers will only be available to those who are eligible and have registered.



Families in hardship and needing wider support

- There is also support available for families who are facing hardship and need support now.
- Information on how to access support for those in need is available at www.norfolk.gov.uk/coronavirus or by calling 0344 800 8020.
- Anyone experiencing hardship can also receive support through the Norfolk Assistance Scheme, which already provides support for food, fuel, clothes and other essential household items to families experiencing hardship.
- The easiest way to get in touch is to visit www.norfolk.gov.uk/NAS or if families cannot access the internet, you can call 01603 223392 (option 5). If the line is busy, you can leave a message and the team will call you back.

Family Action ASD and ADHD support for parents and carers

- Every Tuesday from 10:30-11:30am parents and carers can join Zoom support sessions and meet other families who have children or young people with ASD or ADHD or both.
- You just need Zoom and the following details to get started.
- Meeting ID - 928 5803 9218 and Password - 286707

Dates for your Diary

2020-2021 Dates

Fri 4 th Dec	• Year 6 WW II Day
Wed 9 th Dec	• Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day
Fri 18 th Dec	• 3:00/3:15pm School & Nursery close for the Christmas holidays.
Mon 4 th Jan	• School and Nursery reopen
Fri 12 th Feb	• 3:00/3:15pm School & Nursery close for half term
Mon 22 nd Feb	• School and Nursery reopen
Fri 26 th Mar	• 3:00/3:15pm School & Nursery close for the Easter holidays
Mon 12 th Apr	• School and Nursery reopen
Mon 3 rd May	• Bank Holiday – School and Nursery closed for the day
Fri 28 th May	• 3:00/3:15pm School & Nursery close for half term
Mon 7 th Jun	• School and Nursery reopen
Wed 21 st Jul	• 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.

