

# Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery

Newsletter Date

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## Christmas Holiday

- This has been the most challenging year for everyone; children, parents, and the wider community, thank you for all your support.
- Our governors have been hugely supportive which we greatly appreciate.
- We are really proud of all our staff who have genuinely gone above and beyond in their commitment this year.
- Thank you for the kind messages that many parents have sent in this week, and all the gifts staff have received, these have all been passed on after their period of quarantine!
- We would like to wish everyone a safe, happy, and healthy Christmas and 2021.

## Covid Notifications over Christmas

- To ensure you are aware of how the school will address reports of positive COVID-19 cases over the Christmas break we can confirm we will be monitoring our e-mail address [office@ashleigh.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@ashleigh.norfolk.sch.uk) from Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December through to Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December.
- The e-mail account will be checked twice a day, morning and evening.
- **Please email details of any positive test results as soon as they are received.**
- Some children may be planning to have indoor contact with more vulnerable members over Christmas and they will need to know as soon as possible if they have been in close contact with a positive case.
- If a positive case is notified to us through the e-mail address, we will inform parents as appropriate. You will **only** receive notification of a positive case if your child has been in close contact with the positive case. We will not be sending out any e-mails to the whole community.

## Travel Corridor

If you are travelling abroad over the Christmas period **please** check the self-isolation rules that apply on your return and advise us appropriately on 4<sup>th</sup> January.

## Year 6 Information

- You will have received a brown A4 envelope this week with your child's recent assessments inside, the envelope will also contain a note to explain the assessments.
- We will be sending homework home for the holiday, however, this is **not compulsory**. Any completed pieces received will gain 5 house points for their team in January.

The Year 6 Team



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## Norwich City Community Sports Foundation

We're excited to be welcoming Norwich City Community Sports Foundation after Christmas to run lunch time sports clubs and extra PE sessions. Their involvement will follow all government guidelines regarding Covid-19. They will be here for the whole of the Spring Term running a range of sports clubs over lunch times and basketball, football, hockey and netball lessons in the afternoons.

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## Ashleigh Friends

### **Raffle Tickets:**

- We had a fantastic response to the Christmas raffle and raised a brilliant £700 profit.
- Having the option to accept online payments made purchasing tickets really easy and the PTA would like to thank the school for helping us to get this up and running so quickly.
- The winner of the 1st prize was a parent from Year 6 and the winner of the hamper was from Year 1.
- Happy Christmas from everyone on the PTA and thank you for your support this term.

If you are interested in getting involved with the PTA why not join our next meeting via Zoom on Monday 11th January, 7pm. Further details will be available in January.

### **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](http://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

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## You're not alone this Christmas: Mental Health Campaign

- A new mental health campaign, Not Alone, has been launched to help people who will find this Christmas particularly difficult to deal with. Norfolk County



Council, the Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust, local mental health charity, Norfolk and Waveney Mind, and the county's NHS Norfolk and Waveney Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) are working in partnership with the support of Archant to encourage people to reach out to those who may be struggling.

- Christmas is often a difficult time of year for people and, with measures in place to prevent the spread of coronavirus, we may not be able to do the things we normally do and to be with friends and family, especially if they are vulnerable and feel they need to be alone to be safe, this year.
- The campaign offers support and advice, via an e-card. This digital card can be sent to people who may be struggling, to show that they are being thought of and to signpost them to a range of services that can give them some extra help and support. A paper version of the card will also be free in next Friday's edition of the EDP and Evening News. To send the e-card to someone, please click [here](#).
- One of the available services is the NHS Wellbeing Service, which offers a range of talking therapies, employment support, peer support and social activities by telephone, video call, instant messaging and webinar. The service is for anyone experiencing common mental health and emotional issues, such as low mood, depression or stress.
- People can self-refer by visiting [www.wellbeingnands.co.uk](http://www.wellbeingnands.co.uk) or by calling: 0300 123 1503.

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## Hope Community Church - Carols in the Car Park Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December

- 3 services at 3:30pm, 5:30pm, 7:30pm in the car park.
- Tickets will need to be booked online via Churchsuite event page. Click on the link below:  
<https://hopewymondham.churchsuite.co.uk/events/cml4hbex>
- Tickets go live on 6<sup>th</sup> December.
- This will be a drive-in event, with some limited availability for pedestrians. Free warm spiced apple juice and barista style hot drinks available to purchase from The Hope Coffee Co.

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## Wymondham Abbey

### Wymondham Abbey Crib Service

Christmas will feel different this year. We've been working to bring the crib service to your living rooms!

The children of Wymondham Abbey have recorded a really special virtual crib service.

**Join us on Christmas Eve at 5pm on the Wymondham Abbey facebook page or website** [www.wymondhamabbey.org.uk](http://www.wymondhamabbey.org.uk)

Tune in, get comfy and enjoy the Christmas vibe.

There are carols, the Christmas story and even a message from the miniature donkeys.

Wishing you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas - for you and your loved ones - especially thinking of those you can't be with this year.

### Wymondham Abbey Grounds

Come and enjoy the beautiful Wymondham Abbey grounds. Enjoy the peaceful surroundings and take time to explore nature.

Bring your parents, brothers, sisters and dogs!

Spot the nativity scenes in the windows, can you find the Wymondham festive trail gnome?



Walk the advent spirals, tie leaves/strings to the prayer trees to leave a Christmas wish.

Take time to think of those you can't be with and your hopes for next year.

The Wymondham Abbey Team

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## Diary Dates

### 2020-2021 Dates

Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	• 3:00/3:15pm School & Nursery close for the Christmas holidays.
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	• School and Nursery reopen
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	• <b>Year 6</b> Assessments
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	• <b>Year 6</b> Assessments
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan	• <b>Year 6</b> Assessments
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	• 3:00/3:15pm School & Nursery close for half term
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	• School and Nursery reopen
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar	• 3:00/3:15pm School & Nursery close for the Easter holidays
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Apr	• School and Nursery reopen
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	• Bank Holiday – School and Nursery closed for the day
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> May	• 3:00/3:15pm School & Nursery close for half term
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Jun	• School and Nursery reopen
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Jul	• 3:00/3:15pm School & Nursery close for the Summer holidays

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## 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.

