

Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery

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Half Term

We hope everyone has a safe and happy half term week. We are really proud of the efforts of children, parents and staff in these unusual times and look forward to seeing everyone back in school as soon as it's permitted!

- From Monday 22nd we will be open to keyworker and vulnerable children, and places have been confirmed to those parents/carers who applied earlier this week.
- The government is currently suggesting schools reopen on Monday 8th March but this will depend on a variety of factors. We will keep you posted.
- We will carry on providing home learning until school fully reopens.

CBBC

- You may be interested in looking at the [CBBC YouTube Channel](#) for entertainment at half term and outside of home-schooling hours.
- Videos suitable for 5-11 year olds are uploaded daily, with a wide range of genres from factual shows, news, dramas, comedy to entertainment.

Keyworker/Vulnerable Children Provision

- Following the latest application round, we are at capacity for keyworker/vulnerable child provision.
- Although we are allowed to ask for proof of working patterns as part of the application process, that is not administratively practical given the numbers involved. We are taking it on trust that the numbers of days being requested are the actual days needed, i.e. parent/s are at work and not at home.
- If you are accessing the provision, and your personal circumstances change meaning you could release some or all of your days, please let us know so that we can allocate the days to children on the waiting list.
- Please advise us of any positive test results received during half term, by emailing office@ashleigh.norfolk.sch.uk
- We can then ensure the appropriate contact tracing can take place.

New Parent Communication System

- We will be transitioning to Teachers2Parents email messaging system from 1st March 2021 so you will start to receive emails from school from Teachers2Parents rather than Pupil Asset.
- Due to the costs involved we will be emailing parents, rather than texting.
- Please make sure we have current email details for all parents/carers who wish to receive school information.
- As part of this process we are moving the school's Management Information System from Pupil Asset to SchoolPod (SchoolPod, SchoolMoney and Teachers2Parents all come under one company, Eduspot). All data will be transferred and stored securely, in line with GDPR regulations. We do not hold



any card payment details on our system, and all personal data is solely related to the information we are required to hold for pupil records.

World Book Day - Thursday 4th March

- This year we will be sending out the £1 World Book Day vouchers via pdf, which can be downloaded at home and shown in place of the paper voucher.
- Ketts Books in Wymondham will be extending the timeframe to accept the vouchers to the summer holidays (at least), they are also offering a click and collect service if you wish to choose a book during lockdown.
- Ketts Books are also running lots of book quizzes, author chats, virtual book fairs and a great competition throughout the week, you can find more details on these at www.kettsbooks.co.uk/wbd

#wegotthis

Parents can participate in a Mental Health and My Child – Surviving Lockdown Mark 3 Workshop. This session will consider the most significant challenges posed by the pandemic for both parents and young people (including anxiety and low mood) while also thinking about the most helpful ways to manage these challenges. Parents can sign up

Shout - Text 85258 - Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families

- Shout is a support service for anyone struggling to cope or feeling overwhelmed.
- Text AFC to 85258.
- This is a free, confidential service.
- All texts are answered by trained volunteers, with support from experienced clinical specialists.



Diary Dates

2020-2021 Dates	
Fri 12 th Feb	• End of half term
Mon 22 nd Feb	• School and Nursery reopen to keyworker/vulnerable children.
Thurs 4 th Mar	• World Book Day
Mon 8 th Mar	• Government proposed School and Nursery reopening date (to be confirmed).
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 9 th Jun	• School sibling photographs
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.

