



# Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery

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## Message from Mr. McConnell

It's been a joy to be part of this school for a whole half-term now and I'd like to thank you all for making me feel like a part of your community. The warm welcome I've received from parents and carers at Ashleigh has meant a great deal to me. In my first message to you all I said it will be a while before I can answer many questions because there are so many I needed to ask but that is changing (I don't think I've ever worked this hard in my life, as I try to get to learn everything I need to know about your big, brilliant school) and I'm really looking forward to telling you all about the exciting things we are planning for September and beyond.

For now though, I'd just like to wish you all a wonderful half term break, full of sunshine, happiness and perhaps a taste of 'normal life' with a chance to see special people you haven't seen for a while and go to special places you haven't gone to for a while.

Whatever this week holds for you, I hope you enjoy it.

Mr John McConnell

Question of the Week will return after half term!

## Covid Test Results over Half Term

- Please continue to email [office@ashleigh.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@ashleigh.norfolk.sch.uk) during half term with updates regarding Covid testing.
- In the case of a positive result, please let us know when the symptoms started, or the date of the test if asymptomatic, we can then work out whether we need to notify a bubble to self-isolate.

Thank you for your support.

## Travelling Abroad?

The government recently enforced a traffic light system for travel abroad with specific countries being placed on either a green, amber or red list.

- Individuals visiting **green list** countries are not required to self-isolate on return to the UK.
- Individuals visiting **amber list** countries are required to quarantine at home for 10 days on return to the UK (unless they Test to Release after 5 days in quarantine).
- Individuals visiting **red list** countries are required to quarantine in an airport quarantine hotel for 10 days.

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## Pupil Premium

We recently had an external audit of our Pupil Premium provision and we are really proud of the report that we were given and so wanted to share the summary with you:

"Ashleigh Primary's approach to the use of Pupil Premium is exemplary and should be celebrated. For all children at the school, there is the belief that they can achieve here and whatever can be put in place to support this, will be. Through meticulous attention to detail, nurturing relationships and careful, highly strategic planning, monitoring and evaluation, children thrive."  
(VNET Pupil Premium Audit 11.05.21)

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## Young Carers Survey

- We are working hard to identify and support Young Carers in our school. We have recently had staff training about supporting Young Carers and would welcome your ideas as to how we should move forward to improve our practice.
- If your child is a Young Carer, please complete this survey: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=2yI6szjOFEG9p4ypq1t99cOkroOXL1BNjCXLfCA0n1JUNUhIME9SQUYyVVRENIcwUEQ0T1FRRDIXRS4u>

### **How do I know if my child is a young carer?**

Young carers are children and young people aged under 18 who help look after or support a family member or friend who is disabled, ill or misuses drugs or alcohol. The child or young person may help with practical tasks or give emotional support for the disabled or ill person or others in the family or household. It doesn't matter who they care for, how much, or what kind of care they provide or are planning to provide in the future. If caring is affecting the child or young person's life in some way, we are keen to support them.

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## Treehouse After School Club Job Vacancy

- **After School Playworker**
- 5 days per week (15 hours per week), term time only, from 3-6pm.
- Grade C (£9.62-£9.81per hour)
- Start date 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021

### **We are looking for some who is:**

- Experienced working with children of primary school age;
- A reflective person who is always seeking to improve;
- Good at building relationships with pupils, parents, staff;
- Positive and able to embrace change;
- Committed to attending relevant training as required.

### **We can offer you:**

- A child centred ethos which achieves high standards of behaviour for learning and attainment;
- A professional, welcoming, and supportive staff with high expectations;
- An excellent working environment;
- Professional supervision will be provided;
- A supportive community.

Closing date for applications:

9am Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June

Interview date:

TBC

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## Year 5 Athletics

Year 5 had an Inter-house Athletics Competition today. We were really impressed with all their behaviour. There was great team spirit, they were all very supportive and enthusiastic, with just one point between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>!

1st Hydra

2<sup>nd</sup> Pegasus

3<sup>rd</sup> Orion

4<sup>th</sup> Hercules

Well done to everyone involved!

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## Year 6 Information

- We have been so pleased with the children's attitudes and efforts with their homework during this half-term and we would like to thank you for your support in this too. We have told the children that we will not be setting any homework for the half-term break as we feel they should enjoy their time off especially as we have had some restrictions lifted!
- We have asked that any children who have been given a script to learn lines for the play do make sure that they find some time to continue practising those.
- With regards to the play, due to continued updates on guidance from the DfE, we are still in the process of working out the finer details of when and how we will perform our play but please be assured that as soon as we have confirmation of what we can do, we will let you know.
- There will be a slight change to our timetable when we return. **Year 6 will be having their P.E lessons on Wednesdays and Fridays** so the children will need to come to school dressed in their P.E kits on those days. We will no longer be doing P.E on Tuesdays.

Thank you

Miss Stephens, Mr Finch and Mr Saunders

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## Sir Captain Tom Challenge

- Thank you so much to all of you that have already donated to our Give 100 challenge. We have seen some fantastic effort from the children.
- Children have been donating their time, which links beautifully to the five ways to wellbeing. They have made wellbeing walkways with 100 positive messages, planted 100 seeds, read 100 books, completed hundreds of laps of the field and much more.
- We will leave donations open on School Money over half term and announce the final total after this.





## The Big Ask - Deadline 28<sup>th</sup> May

- You may be aware that The Big Ask is a survey of children's views on the things that matter to them now and in the future.
- The survey has been split into four different age groups: 4-5; 6-8; 9-12 and 13-17, and there are easy-read versions for ages 6-8 and 9-17.
- There is also an adult survey for those parents/carers who wish to complete it.
- Survey links and more information can be found at [The Big Ask](#)

## Diary Dates

New or updated events

### 2020-2021 Dates

Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> May	• 3:00/3:15pm School & Nursery close for half term
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Jun	• School & Nursery reopen
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Jun	• School sibling photographs
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> Jun	• <b>Year 1</b> trip to Banham Zoo
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> Jun	• Hethersett Academy Year 6 Transition Day
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Jun	• Hethersett Academy Year 6 Transition Day
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Jul	• <b>Year 4</b> trip to Overstrand
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jul	• Wymondham College Year 6 Transition Day
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Jul	• Wymondham High <b>Year 6</b> Transition Day
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Jul	• Wymondham High <b>Year 6</b> Transition Day
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Jul	• 1 <sup>st</sup> <b>Year 6</b> Residential (returning 14 <sup>th</sup> Jul) • Wymondham High <b>Year 6</b> Transition Day (alternative arrangements to be made for those on the residential)
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Jul	• 2 <sup>nd</sup> <b>Year 6</b> Residential (returning 16 <sup>th</sup> Jul)
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Jul	• 3:00/3:15pm School & Nursery close for the Summer holidays

## Previous Newsletters

If you would like information from any of our previous newsletters please contact the office who will be able to help you.