



Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery

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2021

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Message from Mr. McConnell

- First of all, a huge welcome back!
- The children have really made us proud this week by getting back into their school routines and learning some new ones. They have done all of this with patience, kindness and happiness.
- A big thanks to all of you, our Ashleigh parents and carers who have been as supportive as ever and make our job of making Ashleigh a special place to come to school much easier.
- I'm updating our school website over the course of the next few days to make sure it remains a helpful source of information to you all and so you can get a really up to date view of what's going on.

See you soon!

Welcome to 21-22 Video Link

<http://www.ashleighprimary.com/> or <https://youtu.be/k2LgK-vDP8I>

Drop-off and Pick-up

- *Please can we remind parents/carers that children should not be running or playing in the Sheffield Road layby.* This is the entry and exit point for Year 2 classes at the start and end of the day. The layby is open for staff, school visitors, disabled parking and delivery drivers at all times so please be especially careful at drop off and pick up.
- Now that we no longer have the one-way system around school, can we ask that parents/carers and children walk on the left hand side of the pathways, to enable those leaving and arriving to do so safely.

Year 6 Residential - Important

- If your child is attending the Year 6 residential on 20th September **please ensure that we have received a completed Consent to Administer Medicine form for all items that they will be taking on the trip.**
- Forms and medicines normally kept in school will automatically be taken on the trip.
- Medicine normally administered out of school hours, or required specifically for this residential, will need to be brought to school and handed to Mrs Feeney at 8:40am on Monday 20th September. ***Please complete and return a form as soon as possible for these items so we can timetable required administration times in advance.***

Year 6 - High School Application Process

Year 6 children will come home today with letters from Norfolk County Council explaining the high school application process. Please let the office know if you do not receive a copy.

Year 6 - Hethersett Academy Open Evening - Monday 27th September

- A letter has been emailed home to Year 6 parents/carers today from Hethersett Academy regarding their Open Evening on Monday 27th September.
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PE Days

PE days will be:

Monday	Year 2 and Year 4
Tuesday	Year 5
Wednesday	Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6
Thursday	Year 1 and Year 5
Friday	Year 2 and Year 3

Please send your child/ren to school wearing their PE kit on the days their year group/s are scheduled for PE. The rest of the time children should wear normal school uniform.

Healthy Snacks

- Children in Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2 all receive a daily piece of fruit or vegetable through the School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme (SFVS) administered by the Department of Health.
 - For **Years 3-6** please send your child with a healthy snack, which we would request be a piece of fruit, vegetable or salad item. Crisps or chocolate, for example, should not be included as a school snack.
 - Home Packed Lunches
 - If children are having packed lunch they will need a suitable box or bag which should be named.
 - Please ensure that drink bottles do not leak.
 - No fizzy drinks.
 - We are a so please do not send any form of nuts into school, including peanut butter and Nutella, as some children have a nut allergy.
 - Water
 - A named bottle of water should be brought to school daily for drinking throughout the day.
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Permission to Leave at 3pm - Years 3-6

- As part of Ashleigh Primary's safeguarding procedures, staff hand over children at the end of the day to their parent or carer. Likewise, in the mornings, staff welcome children at the door between 8:45am and 8:55am. We have chosen to do this to ensure there is a clear transition point between the school's care and the parent's care.
- As a school we would still like to offer the same level of Safeguarding for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 however, some parents asked that we review this.
- **In light of this, if you wish for your child to be dismissed by their teacher without the parent/carer present please contact the school office to request a permission slip.**
- If your child is in Years 4-6 and you previously completed a permission form, you do not need to complete another one.

Ashleigh Parent Reading Survey

- We would really appreciate your support with completing this survey about your child's reading and the reading that takes place in your home. The survey is voluntary but will be extremely helpful as we continue to improve the standards of reading in school and encourage reading for pleasure. Your help with this is very much appreciated.
 - "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." Dr. Seuss.
 - Please take a couple of minutes to complete the survey by clicking [here](#).
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Ashleigh Teacher Book Recommendation

Book title: There Is a Tribe of Kids

Author: Lane Smith

Mrs Greenacre recommends this book to: All children aged 4 – 11

This summer, I have really enjoyed visiting the library with my little boy. Since reopening, Norfolk libraries have started offering 'Grab & Go' bags which contain a selection of children's books. This is a great way to be introduced to books that may not have caught your attention on the shelf; the excitement of not knowing what books are inside is great fun for children! It was in one of these 'Grab & Go' bags that I was introduced to this wonderful picture book, 'There is a Tribe of Kids'.

This is a beautifully illustrated book with equally beautiful language that tells the story of a boy on a quest to find his 'tribe'. The book is an exploration of collective nouns and although the text is simple, the vocabulary is quite challenging; parents, you may well learn something new when you read this with your child! For older children, hidden themes throughout could create interesting discussions about belonging, fitting in and finding your place.

I hope you enjoy it as much as I do! Please post on twitter with the hashtag #ashleighrecommendsbooks to let us know your thoughts on our book recommendation of the week.



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Reading with your child

- Over the next few weeks, teachers will be assessing your child to ensure they are given an appropriate book to take home for their reading level. If your child is in Reception or KS1, this will be a decodable Read Write Inc. book and if your child is in KS2, this will be an Accelerated Reader book (both in addition to their school library book).
- Read Write Inc and Accelerated Reader are both new programmes that we are introducing this year. We will send you more information about these programmes and ways to support your child with their reading at home over the next few weeks.
- In the meantime, your child will be sent home with two school library books of their choice. Please enjoy these books at home together; your child may read

aloud to you, or you can read to your child. Most importantly, we want you to enjoy these books together.

Ashleigh Book Club Bingo Challenge

- This half term we are asking children to take on a new reading challenge. They will all be bringing a printed copy of the attached.
- All entries must be returned to their teacher by Wednesday 20th October 2021.
- Everyone who completes at least 7 boxes will be entered into a raffle to win a book token for Kett's Books.

Farewell & Welcome!

Sadly today we are saying goodbye to our chef Clare, who has been fabulous during her time in the kitchen at Ashleigh. Congratulations on your new job and all the very best for the future!

We are delighted to welcome Angie as our new chef, Angie has transferred from another Edwards & Blake school kitchen so has lots of previous experience and has settled in really well during her first week!

Diary Dates

New or updated events

2021-2022 Dates	
Autumn Term	
Mon 27 th Sep	• From 6pm Year 6 Hethersett Academy Open Evening
Tues 5 th Oct	• Reception and Year 6 National Child Measurement Programme (letters to follow).
Tues 12 th Oct	• School Photos (Nursery information to follow).
Fri 22 nd Oct	• 3:00/3:15pm School/Nursery close for Half Term
Mon 1 st Nov	• 8:30am/8:40am Nursery/School reopen
Tues 16 th Nov	• Flu Nasal Spray Vaccinations
Fri 17 th Dec	• 3:00/3:15pm School/Nursery close for Christmas Holiday
Spring Term	
Wed 5 th Jan	• Staff INSET Day
Thurs 6 th Jan	• 8:30am/8:40am Nursery/School reopen
Fri 11 th Feb	• 3:00/3:15pm School/Nursery close for Half Term
Mon 21 st Feb	• 8:30am/8:40am Nursery/School reopen
Fri 1 st Apr	• 3:00/3:15pm School/Nursery close for Half Term
Summer Term	
Tues 19 th Apr	• Staff INSET Day
Wed 20 th Apr	• 8:30am/8:40am Nursery/School reopen
Mon 2 nd May	• Bank Holiday
Fri 27 th May	• 3:00/3:15pm School/Nursery close for Half Term
Mon 6 th Jun	• 8:30am/8:40am Nursery/School reopen
Fri 22 nd Jul	• 3:00/3:15pm School/Nursery close for Summer Holiday

Previous Newsletters

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