



# Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery

19<sup>th</sup> November 2021

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## Message from Mr. McConnell

### Open Classrooms:

#### Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

- It's been great to catch up with our parents and carers over the last few weeks. The next thing we want to do as part of our efforts to make sure you know what your children are learning is to have an 'Open Classroom Week' after school for Reception to Year 6.
- We know that many of our parents won't be able to make it because of work commitments but we thought we'd offer it as an 'extra' to try to make up for the fact that we haven't done face to face Parents' Evenings this term.
- We're going to leave our classrooms open for an extra half an hour at the end of every day from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. This is so the children can show you their books and their classroom.
- To keep things as Covid secure as possible we're going to assign each day to certain parents and carers based on their child's surname.

| 3.05-3.30pm on:                    | Surnames |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> November   | A-C      |
| Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November  | D-G      |
| Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December | H-N      |
| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December  | O-R      |
| Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December    | S-Z      |

- We're doing it like this to keep everyone as safe as possible, however, if you really want to come but can't on the allocated day, please let your child's teacher know via SeeSaw so we can arrange something else.

This week's Question of the Week is: **What is your favourite Christmas carol?** Please [click here](#) to let us know.

Have a lovely weekend and see you next week!

## Year 6 Assessments: 22<sup>nd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> November

- Next week All Year 6 children will complete their first Year 6 assessment week.
- These tests will be as follows:
  - Monday - Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling
  - Tuesday - Reading
  - Wednesday - Maths (Arithmetic and Reasoning)
  - Thursday - Maths (Reasoning)
- After these tests have been marked and analysed, we will ensure they are shared with parents.
- Because this timetable affects our usual PE time **we have moved our PE day to Friday for one week only** and children should come dressed accordingly for this.

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## Year 6 Art

Over the next 3 weeks Year 6 will be working on a 'Pop Art' Project. As a result, we are requesting donations of brightly coloured magazines which can be cut up and used in collage.

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## Christmas Events

- We're really excited to be able to announce that we will be inviting parents to a Christmas song performance by each year group! The events will be outside, with the children performing under a gazebo. Fingers crossed for dry weather but in the event of rain please wear hats/hoods rather than using umbrellas!
- All performances will be at **2:30pm** and dates for year groups will be:

| Date                                | Year Group |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December  | Year 6     |
| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December   | Year 5     |
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December    | Year 4     |
| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December    | Year 3     |
| Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December   | Year 2     |
| Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December | Year 1     |
| Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December  | Reception  |

- We'll let you know the details of how we are organising cards this year in a future Newsletter.
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## Reception Open Evening - Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November

- Is your child due to start school in September 2022?
- If you would like to look round our amazing school, please call or email the office to book a tour:  
01953 602410 or [office@ashleigh.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@ashleigh.norfolk.sch.uk)
- Tours will begin at the following times:
  - 4:15pm
  - 5:15pm
  - 6:15pm

We look forward to meeting you then!

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## Ashleigh Teacher Book Recommendation

**Book title:** Malala's Magic Pencil

**Author:** Malala Yousafzai

Mrs Dowling recommends this book to: All children aged 6 – 11

*The true story of one girl's wish for a better world.*

*"Warm, tender and brave, this...should be something every parent reads with their child" - Book Trust.*

*Sometimes you pick up a book and it just captivates you. This book did exactly that to me. The first time I finished reading it, I had to go right back to the start and read it again!*

*It tells the true story of the Nobel Peace Prize winner, Malala, and how she changed the lives of so many people with her kindness and determination.*

*My favourite line of the book is 'One child, one teacher, one book and one pen can change the world.' Read the book to find out how a primary school child who enjoyed writing alone in her bedroom, was able to make such a positive impact on the world. If you had a magic pencil, how would you use it?*

*I hope you enjoy it as much as I do! Please post on twitter with*



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## Wymondham Abbey Christmas Fair - 27<sup>th</sup> November

**ABBEY DAYS**  
Live Music  
Stalls & Gifts  
Bar & Mulled Wine  
Lantern Parade  
Street Food

**CHRISTMAS FAIR**  
at WYMONDHAM ABBEY

Saturday  
27th Nov  
from 10

# Diary Dates

New or updated events

| <b>2021-2022 Dates</b>     |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| <b>Autumn Term</b>         |  |
| Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov   | • <b>Year 6 Assessments</b>  |
| Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov  | • <b>Year 6 Assessments</b>  |
| Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov   | • Year 4 Swimming – <b>Elm</b> class<br>• <b>Year 6 Assessments</b>                                    |
| Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov | • <b>Year 6 Assessments</b>  |
| Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov   | • 3:05-3:30pm Open Classrooms: <b>Surnames A-C</b>   |
| Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov  | • 3:05-3:30pm Open Classrooms: <b>Surnames D-G</b>   |
| Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec    | • Year 4 Swimming – <b>Elm</b> class<br>• 3:05-3:30pm Open Classrooms: <b>Surnames H-N</b>             |
| Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec  | • 3:05-3:30pm Open Classrooms: <b>Surnames O-R</b>   |
| Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec    | • 3:05-3:30pm Open Classrooms: <b>Surnames S-Z</b>   |
| Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec    | • Year 4 Swimming – <b>Elm</b> class<br>• 2:30pm Christmas Song Performance: <b>Year 6</b>             |
| Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | • 2:30pm Christmas Song Performance: <b>Year 5</b>   |
| Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec   | • 2:30pm Christmas Song Performance: <b>Year 4</b>   |
| Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec   | • 2:30pm Christmas Song Performance: <b>Year 3</b>   |
| Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | • 2:30pm Christmas Song Performance: <b>Year 2</b>   |
| Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec   | • Christmas Lunch<br>• 2:30pm Christmas Song Performance: <b>Year 1</b>                                |
| Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec | • 2:30pm Christmas Song Performance: <b>Reception</b><br>• 3:00pm Ashleigh Friends Christmas Bake Sale |
| Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec   | • 3:00/3:15pm <b>School/Nursery</b> close for Christmas Holiday  |
| <b>Spring Term</b>         |  |
| Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan    | • Staff INSET Day  |
| Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan  | • 8:30am/8:40am <b>Nursery/School</b> reopen   |
| Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb   | • 3:00/3:15pm <b>School/Nursery</b> close for Half Term  |
| Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb   | • 8:30am/8:40am <b>Nursery/School</b> reopen   |
| Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Apr    | • 3:00/3:15pm <b>School/Nursery</b> close for Half Term  |
| <b>Summer Term</b>         |  |
| Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Apr  | • Staff INSET Day  |
| Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Apr   | • 8:30am/8:40am <b>Nursery/School</b> reopen   |
| Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> May    | • Bank Holiday   |
| Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> May   | • 3:00/3:15pm <b>School/Nursery</b> close for Half Term  |
| Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Jun    | • 8:30am/8:40am <b>Nursery/School</b> reopen   |
| Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jul   | • 3:00/3:15pm <b>School/Nursery</b> 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.