

# Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery

Newsletter Date

9<sup>th</sup> October 2020

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## Governor Vacancy

Would you be interested in becoming a Governor of Ashleigh? Have you ever considered it? We are looking for more individuals to join our lively and dynamic Governing Board.

- The 3 core functions of a Governing Board are:
  - Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction for Ashleigh;
  - Holding executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the effective and efficient performance management of staff; and
  - Overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure it's money well spent.
- Essentially, what this means is that as Governors we act as 'critical friends' to the school leadership team and provide challenge and support from the different perspectives and backgrounds that we all have. The role is a strategic one rather than operational. We meet twice a term – at the moment via Zoom – for a meeting that we try our best to keep to 2 hours and in between those meetings there would be some work involved in reading reports and papers for the upcoming meeting and carrying out monitoring activities. If you were interested we would introduce you at a pace to suit yourself. No prior experience in education is required, just a willingness to contribute to the ongoing successes of Ashleigh.
- We are particularly looking for anyone that has an interest or background in health and safety, the wider community, the national curriculum, keeping the website updated and overseeing and implementing new school policy.
- As a Governing Board we are quite heavily dominated by parents of children in the school. Whilst this is not a problem in and of itself, we would like to see if there is anyone from outside the school community that would be willing to give it a go. Having said that, we understand that those who become Governors tend to do so because of their child/ren attending the school so parents, please feel happy to apply too!

If you are interested or would like to find out more information (with no obligation) please contact the school office and they will pass me your details.

Mr Sam Greenhalgh  
Chair of Governors

## Attendance

- If your child has Covid-19 symptoms please arrange to take a test, and keep us advised of the results, as soon as possible.
- If your family is self-isolating ahead of a medical procedure, we will need to see medical evidence in order to authorise the child/ren's absence.

Thank you for your support.



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## Parent Teacher Consultations

- This term, parent's consultations will be offered via telephone call from the October 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Prior to the meeting, teachers will share examples of your child's work completed this half term to discuss during the phone call.
- Please make sure you book a time slot to speak to your child's teacher - these were sent out yesterday (Thursday 8th).

Thank you.

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## Harvest Festival

### Reception

- Our Harvest Festival celebration will be shared with families on Seesaw on Friday 16th October and can be accessed on Seesaw any time after this date.

### Years 1 and 2

- Years 1 and 2 will share artwork and a poem/song (now that singing is permitted) on each class' Seesaw on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October.
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## Outdoor Shoes/Wellies

Children will be playing on the fields at break and lunchtime, obviously the fields are getting muddier at this time of year, can all children please bring in an outdoor pair of shoes/wellies to change into, that can be kept in school during the week.

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## School Photographs - Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October

- Our school photographers are coming in to school on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October to take photos of individual children. The company will be adhering to government guidelines.
- **If your child has PE on Tuesday, and you want them to have a photo taken with a school jumper, please just send them in with this on the day.**
- Given the current restrictions they will not be taking sibling photographs in October, but we have booked sibling photos in for Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021, government guidelines at the time permitting.
- **Nursery children** that do not attend on Tuesdays will have the opportunity to come in at 8:30am if you wish them to have their photo taken that day. Parents would need to wait for the children and they would leave directly after their photograph. Please confirm if you will be bringing your child in on this basis to [nursery@ashleighprimary.net](mailto:nursery@ashleighprimary.net)

Thank you for your understanding.

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## Mabel the Minibus

We had to say a fond farewell to Mabel the minibus this week, unfortunately she has come to the end of the road. Thank you for all the past Ashleigh Friends fundraising that funded her original refurbishment.

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## Ashleigh Friends

Ashleigh Friends will be sending out a separate newsletter, please look out for this today!

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## World Mental Health Day - Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October

- The [World Health Organisation](#) recognises World Mental Health Day on 10<sup>th</sup> October every year. This year's theme set by the [World Federation for Mental Health](#) is 'mental health for all'.
- Talking is great for your mental health so why not arrange a socially distanced tea and talk session with a friend or colleague. For further information: <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/world-mental-health-day>

Thank you.

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## Dates for your Diary

<b>2020-2021 Dates</b>	
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School Individual Photographs<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ (<i>Sibling photographs 03/03/2021</i>)</li></ul></li></ul>
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3:00/3:15pm School &amp; Nursery closes for half term</li></ul>
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• INSET Day</li></ul>
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School and Nursery reopen</li></ul>
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3:00/3:15pm School &amp; Nursery close for the Christmas holidays.</li></ul>
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School and Nursery reopen</li></ul>
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3:00/3:15pm School &amp; Nursery close for half term</li></ul>
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School and Nursery reopen</li></ul>
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3:00/3:15pm School &amp; Nursery close for the Easter holidays</li></ul>
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School and Nursery reopen</li></ul>
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bank Holiday – School and Nursery closed for the day</li></ul>
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3:00/3:15pm School &amp; Nursery close for half term</li></ul>
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School and Nursery reopen</li></ul>
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3:00/3:15pm School &amp; Nursery close for the Summer holidays</li></ul>

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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.

