

Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery

Newsletter Date

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Half Term

All the staff at Ashleigh would like to wish you a safe and happy half term. Do take care and we look forward to seeing you on 2nd November.

Attendance

Like all schools we have a duty to monitor attendance and work with families to ensure good attendance patterns as there is a direct link in terms of levels of attendance and outcomes.

- 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 child is absent because they are self-isolating please make the office aware as there have been a few occasions where children are self-isolating unnecessarily.
- We do closely monitor attendance so that we can work with families to be supportive and improve attendance.
- Under the current circumstances attendance certificates will not be sent out this half term, we will review the situation towards the end of term.
- We do know that the children enjoy receiving recognition of their good attendance and we plan to resume this in the future.

Thank you for your support.

Flu Vaccination Portal Reopened until 23rd October

- **The portal has been reopened until midnight on Friday 23rd October.**
- If you have NOT applied already and wish to book a flu vaccination, please do so before midnight on Friday.
- The Immunisation Team will not be returning to Ashleigh for a catch up session, but they will be holding clinics and will send us the details after their visit on 6th November.
- **Please consent or decline via <https://tinyurl.com/ybzt3yx2>**
- If you require further advice or information, please contact the School Immunisation Team:
0300 555 5055 or ccs.norfolk.immunisationteam@nhs.net

Access Gates

After half term can we please ask parents/carers to:

- Continue to use the same one way entrance and exit system;
 - Entrances Sheffield Road gate and Beech Close gate;
 - Exits Beech Close gate and Lime Tree Avenue gate;
- Only one parent/carer per family on the school site at drop-off and pick-up;
- Please wear a face mask when on the school site unless you have a medical reason not to do so.



Governor Applications

- Thank you to everyone who has expressed an interest in the governor vacancy.
- Applications will close today, and our Chair of Governors, will contact interested parties with regards to the next steps.

Pupil Premium



This is Mrs Meek, our Pupil Premium Lead. For any further information or to share your suggestions for Pupil Premium, please contact Mrs Meek via the school office.

Pupil Premium- A Parent's Guide

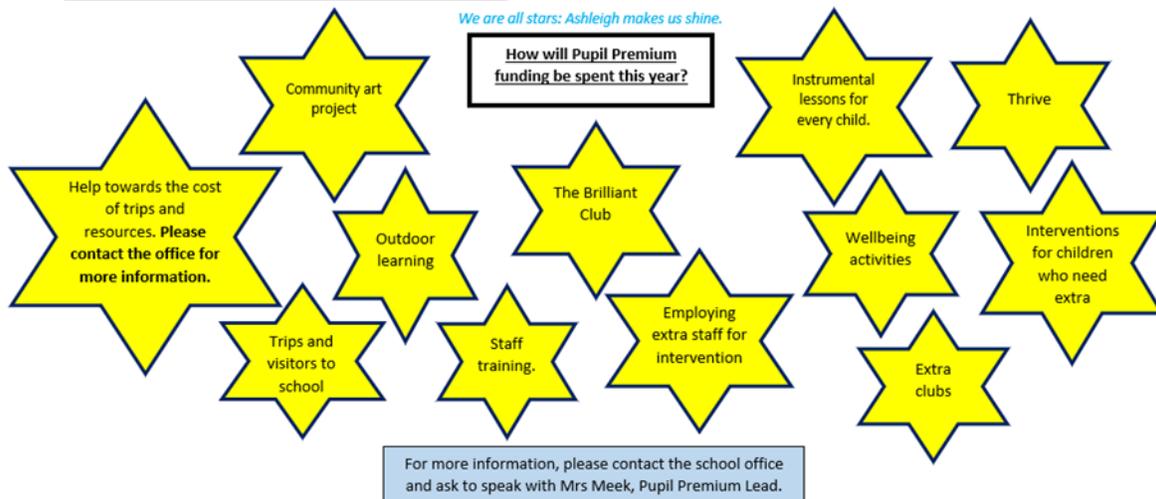
What is Pupil Premium?

Pupil Premium is extra money given to the school by the Government to support children. It is up to the school to decide how to spend this money and it may end up benefitting other children in the school as well. Ofsted check how we use this money.

Who does the school get funding for?

- Children who get Free School Meals based on their family income. **Please look at the next page for how to apply.**
- Children who have had Free School Meals in the last 6 years.
- Children in care or who have been adopted.
- Children from service families.

We are all stars: Ashleigh makes us shine.



Bike/Scooter Sheds

Please be careful, and ask children coming in independently to do the same, when parking bikes and scooters in the storage areas at school. We have had an incident reported where a bike was damaged during the day and was unfit to ride home that evening. We appreciate that storage space is limited and we will be investigating options to improve the situation. In the meantime, please be careful and considerate of all equipment kept there during the day. Thank you.



Treehouse Changes

- From Monday 2nd November the older children will be based in the second mobile. (The mobile behind the original Treehouse mobile).
 - The small hall will no longer be used for Treehouse.
 - Please ring the bell as usual on arrival and staff will continue to sign the children in and out.
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Year 3 Outdoor Learning

Outdoor learning will take place after half term for Year 3:

Tuesdays – Hazel

Fridays – Birch

so can the children please wear uniform on those days (not PE kit) but make sure they bring in:

- a warm, waterproof coat;
- waterproof trousers;
- hat;
- gloves;
- scarf;
- and they should already have wellies in school.

Thank you.

Child Information

- Please remember to update us on any personal circumstances which may help us to support children at this time more holistically.
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Transfer to Secondary School 2021

- The Transfer to Secondary School 2021 application process closes for on time applications on 31 October 2020.
 - If you have not yet applied, you can do so online at:
 - www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk
 - Or request a paper form by calling 0344 800 8020
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Free School Meals - How to Apply

- **Free School Meals** are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:
 - Universal Credit (provided the family has an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to 3 of the most recent assessment periods);
 - Income Support;
 - Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance;
 - Income-related Employment and Support Allowance;
 - Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
 - The guarantee element of Pension Credit;
 - Child Tax Credit (providing the family is not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190);
 - Working Tax Credit run on – paid for four weeks after a claimant stops qualifying for Working Tax Credit.



- Norfolk County Council are offering an online Free School Meals application service. Parents/carers can create an account at the below web address, to carry out a check on your entitlement:
<https://fiso.norfolk.gov.uk/synergy/Enquiries/Citizen/FreeSchoolMeals.aspx>
- The information will be sent direct to the Free School Meal Application Team at Norfolk County Council. The school would then be notified of changes to the eligibility of children attending Ashleigh.

LINKS Virtual Coffee Morning - 27th November

Do you have a child or children with SEN or behavioural needs? Do you need support and advice from someone who has been through the same things? Do you just need someone to chat to? Join us virtually for our first LINKS virtual coffee morning of the new Academic year!




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If you have any questions or queries, email Micha Butler: psa@robertkett.net

Come join us for a chat, a listening ear, to share your expertise and to connect with other parents.

Parent and Carer Support Group
Friday the 27th of November 9.30 - 11.30
<https://meet.google.com/omk-adkv-rbk>



Parent Support

The Charlie Waller Memorial trust have created a toolkit and support document which aims to help parents and carers recognise and understand depression and how to get appropriate help for their child.

To find out more their website is <https://charliewaller.org/>

Family Action ASD and ADHD support for parents and carers

- Every Tuesday from 10:30-11:30am parents and carers can join Zoom support sessions and meet other families who have children or young people with ASD or ADHD or both. This is an opportunity to share experiences, practice and receive support from a member of the team.
- You just need Zoom and the following details to get started.
- Meeting ID - 928 5803 9218 and Password - 286707

Dates for your Diary

2020-2021 Dates	
Mon 2 nd Nov	• School and Nursery reopen
Fri 6 th Nov	• Reception to Year 6 Flu Immunisation
Fri 4 th Dec	• Year 6 WW II Day
Fri 18 th Dec	• 3:00/3:15pm School & Nursery close for the Christmas holidays.



Mon 4th Jan	• School and Nursery reopen
Fri 12 th Feb	• 3:00/3:15pm School & Nursery close for half term
Mon 22 nd Feb	• School and Nursery reopen
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 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.

