

# Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery

Newsletter Date

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## Headteacher Interviews - Monday 7<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December

The Headteacher interviews are going ahead on 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> December, we will notify you of the outcome as soon as possible. The schedule has been arranged to follow Covid-19 guidelines, candidates will not be going into classrooms but interacting with the child-led parts of the interview via Teams or, for the School Forum, in the large hall at safe distances.

## Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day - Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December

- We feel it is important to offer the children, and staff, a Christmas lunch this year, this will be on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December.
- Children are welcome to wear a Christmas top/jumper if they have one, however, please do not go to any extra expense.
- The lunchtime period has been extended to allow all children to eat in the hall with our additional cleaning measures between bubbles.
- The kitchen are providing a Main or Vegetarian Christmas meal on the 9<sup>th</sup>, there will be no other options available, although you are of course still able to send your child with a home packed lunch if you prefer. Please pre-book via SchoolMoney as normal.

## Christmas Cards

- Current circumstances mean we are unable to operate the usual Christmas post box within school.
- Storage and distribution of the hundreds of cards normally sent around the school is logistically not possible, which is why we are asking that children do not bring Christmas cards into school this year.
- If they wish to distribute them outside of school that is obviously at parent/carer discretion.

## Lunchtime Thank You

Last week our longest serving MSA, Mrs Greengrass, finished working with us at lunchtimes. We're happy that we're not losing her altogether, as she continues to work in Treehouse as before, but we will miss her at lunch!

## Ashleigh Friends

### Raffle Tickets:

- You will have received an email today about how to purchase raffle tickets via your SchoolMoney account.



- Please be aware that the maximum contribution is £10 if you wish to purchase 10 tickets. You are able to amend the amount when booking so please only pay for the number of tickets you wish to purchase; e.g. 3 tickets = £3.
- We have had to change the way we do it slightly this year, but with a first prize of £75 and second prize of a Christmas Hamper up for grabs you've got to be in it to win it! **Raffle tickets will be available until the 11th December and the winner will be drawn on the 14th December.**

#### **Do your Christmas shopping:**

New this year you have the opportunity to shop and support the PTA at the same time. If you already shop on Amazon you can switch to Amazon Smile and we also earn money. It's really simple to set up, totally free and you can even do it through the mobile app.

1. Join Amazon Smile via your web browser, don't forget to select Ashleigh Friends as your chosen charity at <https://smile.amazon.co.uk>;
2. If you don't have it already, download the Amazon App;
3. When you open the app, select settings from the main menu, select Amazon Smile and follow the instructions to complete the set up.

#### **Buy a lottery ticket:**

Join our school lottery to be in with a chance of winning a cash prize every week whilst supporting us too!

If you buy a lottery ticket between now and 19th December you will also be entered into a prize draw to win a fantastic Nintendo Switch bundle.

Tickets are just £1, visit [www.yourschoolottery.co.uk/play](http://www.yourschoolottery.co.uk/play) and search for Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery to get started.

#### **Remember to follow us on Facebook for regular updates and reminders.**

Ashleigh Friends

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## Birds of Dereham - School Uniform

- Birds of Dereham reopened on 2<sup>nd</sup> December and will be open from Monday – Saturday 9am-5:30pm.
- Birds of Dereham, Unit D, 13 Yaxham Road, Dereham, NR19 1HB
- Telephone 01362 692941

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## Covid-19 Government Guidance for Parents/Carers - Updated

Please click on [Guidance for parents and carers](#)

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## Norfolk Winter Support Package - Updated

- County Council, alongside local councils across Norfolk, is aiming to support as many residents as possible this winter to access financial and other support if they are facing hardship. We know for many people this winter will be challenging for a variety of reasons, and there will be a lot of people who will need help with things like paying the bills and buying food, and many people who have never needed help before. To make sure people can access help and support where they need it this winter, we have implemented the Norfolk Winter Support Offer and we need your help to make sure we reach as many people as possible. If you or someone you know is currently suffering from



hardship and unsure how to pay their bills, keep warm and buy food, please apply to the support offer. You can do this online at [www.norfolk.gov.uk/covidwintersupport](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/covidwintersupport) using a simple form.

- Help is also available to those suffering hardship because they are having to self-isolate or support their child or vulnerable family members to self-isolate.
- To help you understand the support that is available, here is a quick summary:
  - The Norfolk Assistance Scheme (NAS) already provides hardship support to Norfolk residents, and this offer is being extended to reach more people where needed, over the winter period. The offer uses an additional government grant that is primarily aimed at families with children.
  - Initially the two-week provision includes:
    - Morrisons food boxes;
    - Additional support with household essentials like nappies, formula milk and cleaning products;
    - Paypoint top ups for gas and electricity;
    - Daily living allowance for living expenses and household bills where needed.
  - Week three onwards:
    - Support with things like broadband and help to get online;
    - Additional support with household items such as washing machines and fridges’;
    - If further food and essential support is needed after the initial two-week period, then this will be implemented by NAS for as long as is required.

### **Pink Orange – Ingredients boxes**

Some families will already have heard about this offer because they will have been contacted by their allocated worker. Pink Orange will provide ingredients boxes including recipe guides to targeted families across Norfolk, NAS are able to refer to Pink Orange as part of their wrap around support offer. You just need to make one referral to NAS <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/care-support-and-health/support-for-living-independently/money-and-benefits/norfolk-assistance-scheme> and they will do the rest.

### **Free School Meals vouchers**

- All schools and educational establishments in Norfolk will have received communication about ensuring that all children who are eligible are signed up for free school meals (the means tested pupil premium element and not the universal free school meals that all children in reception to the end of year 2 are entitled to).
- Schools are then able to provide a link and code for EdenRed which is the chosen provider of supermarket vouchers to the value of £15 per child per week, for two weeks over Christmas and a Week at February half term - these vouchers can be used at all main UK supermarkets.
- If you think you may be eligible for free school meals, please apply in the normal way via <https://fiso.norfolk.gov.uk/synergy/Enquiries/Citizen/FreeSchoolMeals.aspx>

### **Self-isolation support**

- Some residents are also entitled to a self-isolation support payment of £500. To help someone apply for this, or to find out more please visit <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/care-support-and-health/health-and-wellbeing/adults-health/coronavirus/community-support-for-people-at-home/test-and-trace-support-payment>



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## Message from Norfolk Libraries

"We're pleased to reopen our libraries on December 2<sup>nd</sup> under the tier 2 restrictions. We are really looking forward to welcoming you back to the library in the run up to Christmas and we hope our book collections can see everybody through the holiday period.

You will find the same measures to keep you safe as before:

- The library has limited capacity for customers allowed in to make sure we can maintain social distance. This means you may be asked to queue outside before we can allow you in.
- We are taking test and trace details on entry and we have a QR code on display outside if you would rather use that.
- You will be asked to wear your face covering and sanitise your hands on entry and then follow the one way system inside.
- All our staff are wearing masks and are frequently washing and sanitising their hands too.
- When books are returned, we are quarantining them for 72 hours so that they are safe for our customers to borrow.
- All our touch points and self-service machines are kept clean throughout the day.

Before your visit, please make sure you check our opening hours as these may well have changed since you came in last. You can do this online by visiting: [www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries)

We still have grab and go bags available if you would like to borrow books but would rather not browse in the library.

If you're interested in finding out what's on offer online please visit our website; we're planning our next group of online coding clubs for January (children aged 9-11) so if you have a child who would be interested in attending please email [libraries.iconnect@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:libraries.iconnect@norfolk.gov.uk)"

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## Hope Community Church - Carols in the Car Park Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December

- 3 services at 3:30pm, 5:30pm, 7:30pm in the car park.
- Tickets will need to be booked online via Churchsuite event page. Click on the link below:  
<https://hopewymondham.churchsuite.co.uk/events/cml4hbex>
- Tickets go live on 6<sup>th</sup> December.
- This will be a drive-in event, with some limited availability for pedestrians. Free warm spiced apple juice and barista style hot drinks available to purchase from The Hope Coffee Co.

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## Dates for your Diary

<b>2020-2021 Dates</b>	
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	• Headteacher Interviews
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Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christmas Lunch &amp; Jumper Day</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.

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