

Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery

Newsletter Date

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New Lockdown

- Firstly, we hope that you did all manage to enjoy the Christmas break, even if it was very different this year.
- Obviously events developed quickly over the weekend and we find ourselves in a new lockdown, with children learning online at home.
- As mentioned previously, please do what you can, when you can. We will carry on with the catch-up learning when schools do reopen and we are looking at different ways to engage with the children to make the process easier.
- Thank you all for your support and the positive messages we have received this week.

Keyworker/Vulnerable Children

- **A new form will go out on Wednesday next week to apply for keyworker provision for the remaining four weeks of term from 18th January.**
- Please note that in the event that demand exceeds our ability to staff the provision we will be following a criteria checklist, which will be shared with all parents next week.
- Can children coming into school please wear school uniform with layers of warm clothing, we are keeping the windows open in school for ventilation so it can be chilly.
- Please can parents/carers observe social distancing at pick up and drop off times, and only speak to your child's teacher face-to-face if absolutely necessary. If you contact the office, or the teacher via your child's learning platform, we can arrange a phone call if required.

Home Learning Update

- Thank you so much for the enthusiasm and support you have shown towards the home learning this week.
- Our teachers have been working extraordinarily hard and have already begun developing their home learning platforms further with pre-recorded messages / lessons and tasks.
- We hope in the future to develop this further and give children the opportunity to interact remotely with their classmates and teachers during this time and will update you when we feel this is possible.

BCC Educational Programmes

- The BBC will be showing curriculum-based programmes on TV from Monday.
- They will include three hours of primary school programming every weekday on CBBC, and at least two hours for secondary pupils on BBC Two.
- The primary programmes, which will be broadcast on CBBC from 09:00 every day, will include BBC Live Lessons and BBC Bitesize Daily as well as Our School, Celebrity Supply Teacher, Horrible Histories and Operation Ouch.



- BBC Two will cater for secondary students with programming to support the GCSE curriculum, including adaptations of Shakespeare plays alongside science, history and factual titles.
- Bitesize Daily primary and secondary will also air every day on the red button as well as episodes being available on demand on iPlayer.

Free School Meals - Voucher Update

- For those families eligible for Free School Meals (not the same as Universal Free School Meals for Reception, Years 1 and 2) we are waiting for the government voucher scheme to be up and running.
- As soon as this is available we will be issuing a voucher for the half term, £90 per eligible child.
- Otherwise we will contact parents separately to arrange a collection of food parcels during the period.

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.

New Staff

We would like to welcome Mrs Lynch, our Art Teacher, who has started this term. She will be working with our keyworker/vulnerable children provision in small groups until the school is able to reopen fully.



Family Voice Let's talk about Keyworking



Let's talk... about keyworking

- Are you the parent of a child or young person with mental health needs, who also has ASD and a learning disability?
- Could a keyworker help you and your child avoid crisis?

Clare Angell

Senior Manager for Children, Young People & Maternity,
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is working on a pilot scheme in Norfolk
and is keen to hear the views of parent carers.

Join us on

Monday, 11 January 2021
from 10:00am to 12:00pm

This is a real opportunity to influence services that could help families like yours.

Email events@familyvoice.org.uk for booking and joining instructions.



Diary Dates

2020-2021 Dates

Fri 12 th Feb	• End of 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.

