

Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery

Newsletter Date

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After Half Term

- As you will probably have seen or read, the government have confirmed this week that schools will NOT reopen fully on Monday 22nd February.
- **From Monday 22nd we will be open to keyworker and vulnerable children, and a new application form to request places has been sent out today.**
- **The application form will be available until 9am on Tuesday 9th February (the link will expire after 9am on Tuesday).**
- The provision is for *critical keyworker* and *vulnerable children*. Even if you have previously accessed provision please review the criteria and your requirements. In order to meet risk assessment requirements we have a limited number of spaces available.
- The government is currently suggesting schools reopen on Monday 8th March but this will depend on a variety of factors. We will keep you posted.
- We will carry on providing home learning until school fully reopens.

Year 6 Residential - July 2021

- The Year 6 residential that would normally have taken place in September 2020 was rearranged to week commencing 12th July 2021.
- We have taken the decision to continue to plan the event in the hope it will go ahead and Year 6 can have a fantastic experience to finish their time at Ashleigh.
- There will be a parents information session, via Zoom, and the details will be confirmed after half term.
- We are awaiting quotes for transport to and from Thorpe Woodlands Residential centre so we can finalise the costs involved.
- Letters will then be sent out with more details and to establish numbers for the trip.
- Given the additional class in this year's Year 6 there will be two residential visits, one leaving Monday 12th July and returning Wednesday 14th July, and the other leaving Wednesday 14th July, returning Friday 16th July.
- Parents/carers will be able to pay via SchoolMoney, in instalments, or a single payment, and this will be refunded if the trip is cancelled due to Covid-19.

Current Year 5 Residential - September 2021

- Again, we are hoping this will go ahead in September as normal. More information will follow in future newsletters.

Safer Internet Day 2021

- On **Tuesday 9th February** we will be joining schools and youth organisations across the UK in celebrating **Safer Internet Day 2021**.



- Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology, which calls on young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers, and more to join together in helping to create a better internet.
- We would be delighted if you could join us in celebrating the day by continuing the conversation at home.
- To help you with this, you may be interested in downloading the free Safer Internet Day Education Pack for Parents and Carers which is available at: www.saferinternet.org.uk/sid-parents

School Sibling Photographs

We were unable to take the usual sibling photographs in October 2020 due to Covid-19 restrictions. The date was rearranged to 3rd March, when schools will not have reopened, and has therefore been rearranged to Wednesday 9th June. We are hoping for third time lucky!

Safeguarding young people is everyone's responsibility

For parents/carers:

- We wanted to share this powerful short film by the Violence Reduction Network. It raises awareness of a growing issue in the UK – known as 'Child Criminal Exploitation' (CCE).
- It shows the signs to look out for and what to do next:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UbY7zCJi3w&feature=youtu.be>

Children's Mental Health Week - 1st-7th February

Children's mental health week is 1st to 7th February. The theme this year is 'Express Yourself'.

Here are 5 tips for how you can improve your children and pupils' wellbeing:

- Step 1:
'Teach them to be themselves' - Helping children to realise their strengths is a great way to build their confidence. Encourage children to notice and appreciate their own strengths, and those of others too.
- Step 2:
'Be grateful'- Help children to bring attention to what's working well in their life by developing gratitude skills. To develop these skills, you can use techniques such as starting a gratitude journal or have a gratitude list discussion at breakfast/dinner.
- Step 3:
'Help them be more mindful'- A way in which we can help our children develop these skills is drawing for 10 minutes. Simply set a timer for 15 minutes and ask your child to draw something they can see. This activity isn't about what the child decides to draw, it's about whether they are able to focus on the activity and bring their attention back if they get distracted.
- Step 4:
'Be kind' - There are thousands of ways children and adults can show kindness every day, it can be fun to sometimes turn these small acts into every day rituals.
- Step 5:
'Teach them the importance of resilience' - One way to build resilience in children is to help them develop a **growth mind-set**. Children with a strong mind-set



are more likely to try again when they fail, and also to attempt to learn how they can improve.

Place2Be have lots of resources on their website:
<https://www.place2be.org.uk/>



Resources for independent learning can be found at
<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk>

Diary Dates

2020-2021 Dates

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| Fri 12 th Feb | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> End of half term |
| Mon 22 nd Feb | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School and Nursery reopen to keyworker/vulnerable children. |
| Mon 8 th Mar | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government proposed School and Nursery reopening date (to be confirmed). |
| Fri 26 th Mar | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:00/3:15pm School & Nursery close for the Easter holidays |



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| 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 9 th Jun | • School sibling photographs |
| 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.

