



Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery

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Message from Mr. McConnell

Good afternoon everyone - it's been another wonderful week at Ashleigh. I feel really privileged to work at such a happy school with such a great atmosphere. I have seen so many brilliant things happening this week from wonderful writing, to beautiful art work to some fantastic Forest Schools, some superb ukulele playing... my list of brilliant Ashleigh things could go on and on!

This week's question is to find out what your child most enjoys about school. I really want to know what they tell you about what they enjoy because we're at that point of the year where we start planning for September.

Have a brilliant weekend!

Please complete [this link](#) by 9am on Tuesday morning.

PCR Testing

Government advice:

- If you've been in close contact with someone who's tested positive for COVID-19 you can get a PCR test, whether or not you have symptoms.
- Getting tested can tell you if you had COVID-19 at the time you did the test.
- If you test positive, you can help the NHS contact people who may have caught the virus from you. They can then self-isolate and avoid passing it on to others.
- You must continue to self-isolate for the 10 full days even if your result is negative, as you could still become infectious.

[Get a PCR test to check if you have COVID-19 on GOV.UK](#)

Cycling & Scooter Safety

- Please remind children that they should not be riding bikes or scooters on the school site, please can they push them until they have left the school grounds.
- Please also ensure that children cycling or scooting to school wear a safety helmet, and understand road safety to keep themselves, and others, as safe as possible.

Thank you!

School Attendance

- Schools are required to check pupils' attendance in order to support children and parents gain the most from their school experience, and help them prepare for life after primary school.
- You may already be aware that attendance below 90% is classed as a persistent absence and now that schools are reopen and children expected to attend, we will restart reviewing attendance half termly.

- If a child's attendance is below 90% we will contact parents/carers to see how we can support the family and improve attendance, according to individual circumstances.

Year 6 - Royal Mail Heroes Stamp Competition

- Year 6 are entering the Royal Mail Heroes Stamp Design Competition, honouring the heroes of the Coronavirus pandemic on special edition stamps.
- Each entry will include the name of the child, their age, and the school address and postcode. For more information about data protection and how Royal Mail will use these details, please visit:

https://www.stampcompetition.ichild.co.uk/pdf/en_Heroes_Letter_For_Parents.pdf

Year 6 Transferring to Wymondham High

- Wymondham High transition days are on Thursday 8th, Friday 9th and Monday 12th July. The children will spend all 3 days there in order to familiarise themselves with the school site and routines. (Those children on the first residential will be offered an alternative visit).
 - If children are expecting to travel to school in September by school bus, there will be a letter Wymondham High can give you in order to use the bus on transition days. These letters are only valid on school transport and NOT on public buses.
 - Children attend transition days in their normal primary school uniform, and bring with them a packed lunch, water bottle and a pen or pencil. Their school day starts at 8.35am and ends at 3pm.
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Barnardo's

With the Covid-19 pandemic still ongoing and uncertain, Barnardo's have created a support hub which is updated regularly. The hub includes information for both professionals and families. It includes topics such as how to talk to your children, tips on returning to school and tools for anxiety. [For more information click here.](#)

The Big Ask - Deadline 28th May

- You may be aware that The Big Ask is a survey of children's views on the things that matter to them now and in the future.
 - The survey has been split into four different age groups: 4-5; 6-8; 9-12 and 13-17, and there are easy-read versions for ages 6-8 and 9-17.
 - There is also an adult survey for those parents/carers who wish to complete it.
 - Survey links and more information can be found at [The Big Ask](#)
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Diary Dates

New or updated events

2020-2021 Dates	
Fri 28 th May	• 3:00/3:15pm School & Nursery close for half term
Mon 7 th Jun	• School & Nursery reopen
Wed 9 th Jun	• School sibling photographs
Mon 21 st Jun	• Year 1 trip to Banham Zoo
Thurs 24 th Jun	• Hethersett Academy Year 6 Transition Day
Fri 25 th Jun	• Hethersett Academy Year 6 Transition Day
Thurs 1 st Jul	• Year 4 trip to Overstrand

Fri 2 nd Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wymondham College Year 6 Transition Day
Thurs 8 th Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wymondham High Year 6 Transition Day
Fri 9 th Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wymondham High Year 6 Transition Day
Mon 12 th Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1st Year 6 Residential (returning 14th Jul)• Wymondham High Year 6 Transition Day (alternative arrangements to be made for those on the residential)
Wed 14 th Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2nd Year 6 Residential (returning 16th Jul)
Wed 21 st Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3:00/3:15pm School & Nursery close for the Summer holidays

Previous Newsletters

If you would like information from any of our previous newsletters please contact the office who will be able to help you.