



# Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery

17<sup>th</sup> September  
2021

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## Message from Mr. McConnell

- Good afternoon everyone! It's wonderful to have our school back up and running after the summer and with more of a feel of 'normal life' returning (even though we are all still having to be careful).
- We want Ashleigh to continue to be a place where your children learn through brilliant teaching and brilliant experiences so it's great news that our Year 6 are off on their residential next week. I hope they all have a wonderful time and I look forward to sharing our plans for all of the children with you in the coming weeks and months.

Have a great weekend!

## Change to Year 2 Drop-off & Pick-up Arrangements

- Since Covid restrictions have lifted the footfall around school has increased considerably and we have become concerned about the safety of children and adults in the layby area.
- We have reviewed the drop-off and pick-up arrangements for Year 2 classes and from **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September will be changing this to be via the playground.**
- Year 2 doors will be clearly labelled.
- If you are unsure where you need to go from Monday, please speak to any of the Year 2 or office staff who will be happy to help you.

## Year 6 Residential - Important

- If your child is attending the Year 6 residential on 20<sup>th</sup> September **please ensure that we have received a completed Consent to Administer Medicine form for all items that they will be taking on the trip.**
- Forms and medicines normally kept in school will automatically be taken on the trip.
- Medicine normally administered out of school hours, or required specifically for this residential, will need to be brought to school and handed to Mrs Feeney at 8:30am on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September. ***Please complete and return a form today for these items so we can timetable required administration times in advance.***

## Lunchtime Vacancy

### **Midday Supervisory Assistant**

Salary – £9.25 per hour

Monday – Friday: 1 hour 20 minutes per day; term time only.

- We are seeking to appoint a Midday Supervisory Assistant to join our friendly, enthusiastic team.
- Duties include supervision of children within school, in outdoor areas and leading play and games.

- You will need to have a calm and caring manner and enjoy working with children. Being friendly, approachable, and able to develop positive and constructive relationships with children and staff is essential. You will receive training as required.
- Closing date: Midday on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September
- Interview date: w/c 30<sup>th</sup> September

Application forms are available from the office or  
<http://www.ashleighprimary.com/category/news/vacancies/>

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## PE & Earrings

- If your child wears earrings to school can you please make sure they are able to safely remove and replace them, or send them in with some tape to cover their earrings during PE lessons.
  - Please remember that only stud earrings should be worn to school.
- Thank you.

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## Ashleigh Parent Reading Survey

- We would really appreciate your support with completing this survey about your child's reading and the reading that takes place in your home. The survey is voluntary but will be extremely helpful as we continue to improve the standards of reading in school and encourage reading for pleasure. Your help with this is very much appreciated.
- 'The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.' Dr. Seuss.
- Please take a couple of minutes to complete the survey by clicking [here](#).

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## Norfolk Open Studios - Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

- We are taking part in Norfolk Open Studios this year. Please come and have a look at the children's fantastic artwork, on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> or Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October between 10am and 2pm.
- Access will be via the school office between those times.
- We hope to see you then!

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## Book Taster Sessions - Kett's Books

- Kett's Books are going to be holding 'Book Taster' sessions every day after school from Monday 11th to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October.
  - Mon 11th - Nursery and Reception
  - Tuesday 12th - Year 1
  - Wednesday 13th - Year 2
  - Thursday 14th - Years 3 & 4
  - Friday 15th - Years 5 & 6

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## Norfolk SEND Partnership Monthly Newsletter

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# Ashleigh Teacher Book Recommendation

**Book title:** No Ballet Shoes in Syria

**Author:** Catherine Bruton

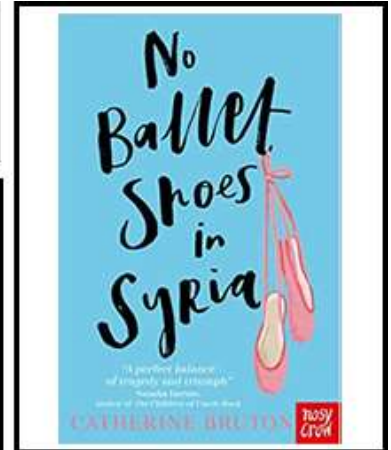
Miss Stephens recommends this book to: All children aged 9 – 11

*No Ballet Shoes in Syria is one of those books that stays with you long after you have read it. It was already a very relevant story in today's world but even more so now due to the current situation in Afghanistan.*

*The story is about an 11-year-old girl called Aya, her baby brother and Mum seeking asylum in the UK from the war in Syria. It recounts Aya's terrible experience fleeing Aleppo, staying in refugee camps in Turkey and travelling across the Mediterranean Sea where she lost her Dad as the boat capsized on the way to Greece before she reached her final destination of Manchester.*

*Whilst waiting in a community centre in Manchester, Aya was drawn to music that she heard flowing through the walls and it awakened her memories of her old ballet classes in Aleppo. She soon gets invited to join the ballet class which opens new opportunities for her. This amazing story explains the struggles faced by modern day refugees seeking asylum in the UK, through the eyes of a child.*

*I hope you enjoy it as much as I did! Please post on twitter with the hashtag #ashleighbookclub to let us know your thoughts on our book*



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## Diary Dates

New or updated events

<b>2021-2022 Dates</b>	
<b>Autumn Term</b>	
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Sep	• From 6pm <b>Year 6</b> Hethersett Academy Open Evening
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	• 10am-2pm Norfolk Open Studios at Ashleigh
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	• 10am-2pm Norfolk Open Studios at Ashleigh
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	• <b>Reception</b> and <b>Year 6</b> National Child Measurement Programme (letters sent 17/09/21).
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	• 3-4pm <b>Nursery &amp; Reception</b> Book Taster Sessions – Kett's Books
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	• School Photos (Nursery information to follow) • 3-4pm <b>Year 1</b> Book Taster Sessions – Kett's Books
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	• 3-4pm <b>Year 2</b> Book Taster Sessions – Kett's Books
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	• 3-4pm <b>Years 3 &amp; 4</b> Book Taster Sessions – Kett's Books
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	• 3-4pm <b>Years 5 &amp; 6</b> Book Taster Sessions – Kett's Books
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	• <b>Deadline for Book Club Bingo Challenge entry forms</b>
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	• 3:00/3:15pm <b>School/Nursery</b> close for Half Term
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	• 8:30am/8:40am <b>Nursery/School</b> reopen
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	• Flu Nasal Spray Vaccinations

Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	• 3:00/3:15pm <b>School/Nursery</b> close for Christmas Holiday
<b>Spring Term</b>	
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	• Staff INSET Day
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	• 8:30am/8:40am <b>Nursery/School</b> reopen
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	• 3:00/3:15pm <b>School/Nursery</b> close for Half Term
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	• 8:30am/8:40am <b>Nursery/School</b> reopen
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Apr	• 3:00/3:15pm <b>School/Nursery</b> close for Half Term
<b>Summer Term</b>	
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Apr	• Staff INSET Day
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Apr	• 8:30am/8:40am <b>Nursery/School</b> reopen
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	• Bank Holiday
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> May	• 3:00/3:15pm <b>School/Nursery</b> close for Half Term
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Jun	• 8:30am/8:40am <b>Nursery/School</b> reopen
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jul	• 3:00/3:15pm <b>School/Nursery</b> close for Summer Holiday

## Previous Newsletters

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