



# Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery

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## Message from Mr. McConnell

A huge thank you to everyone who answered last week's Question of the Week, I was really interested to read parent views on the qualities we are trying to develop in the children. I will be using your ideas as we develop a shared language around this across the school.

Anti-Bullying Week kicks off on Monday 15th November with 'Odd Socks Day'. We're inviting all of the children to wear odd socks on that day to celebrate how we're all different.

Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us. This is one of the reasons, that 'One Kind Word' has been chosen by the anti-bullying alliance as the theme of Anti-Bullying Week taking place from 15th to 19th of November 2021.

Look out for more information over the next few weeks.

### Achievements

We would like to recognise the achievement of our Ashleigh Stars who competed in the South Norfolk Cross Country Event on Wednesday. There were some fantastic individual results and we came first in the event overall. 22 schools were involved so a massive well done to everyone who took part!

This week we heard about Ruyi, who took part in the Norfolk County Youth Orchestra course last week at Langley School, playing a programme including Saint-Saens Danse Macabre, Mussorgsky's Night on Bald Mountain and Tchaikovsky's 2nd Symphony. The orchestra consists of the best young players from around the county and Ruyi did incredibly well to cope with some very difficult repertoire. She was by far the youngest member of the orchestra!

We love to celebrate children's achievements within school, and I would really like to find out from you about their activities outside of school.

This week's Question of the Week is: [What activities does your child do outside of Ashleigh?](#)

Have a lovely weekend and see you next week!

## Congratulations

We would like to congratulate Miss Morecz on her recent marriage and confirm that she will now be known as Mrs Morecz-Read.

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## Parent Telephone Consultations: 8th-12<sup>th</sup> November

- Booking links were sent out on 22<sup>nd</sup> October, and 24 hours before each consultation date.
- Online booking will close at 5pm the day before each class consultation date.
- If you missed a call or would like to arrange an alternative time please contact the school office.

Nursery	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> (a.m.)
Hedgehog	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>
Bat	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>
Deer	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>
Fox	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>
Birch	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>
Elm	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>
Ash	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>

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## Young Carers

- At Ashleigh, we are committed to supporting our Young Carers and aim to have a comprehensive list of all of the children in our school who are performing this role. We aim to support them and celebrate the part they play. This term we will begin planning an exciting art project, where the **young carers will take the lead on designing our very own 'care-osaurus' for the Norwich T-Rex trail**. If you think your child could be a young carer, please contact Mrs Meek (if you haven't already done so) by emailing [office@asheigh.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@asheigh.norfolk.sch.uk) or phoning the school office.

### What is a young carer?

- You are a young carer if you are under 18 and are looking after someone regularly because they're ill (physically or mentally) or disabled. **You might be caring for mum or dad, looking after a friend, or you might be helping your parents care for a brother or sister or grandparent.**
- Some people start giving care at a very young age and don't really realise they're carers. Other young people become carers overnight when someone in their family has an accident, or another carer becomes unavailable.
- Carers help with:
  - washing, dressing or taking medicines;
  - shopping, cleaning and laundry;
  - paying bills and organising finances;
  - watching over someone if they can't be left alone;

For further advice and support, please go to <https://www.youngcarersmatternorfolk.org/>

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## Farewell to

- Ms Brais who is leaving us for an exciting career opportunity. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and dedication during her time with us, and wish her all the very best for the future.
- Mr Waterson who is leaving today to start his new job and we wish him luck also!
- Another person we are saying a fond farewell to is Miss Carter who left us at half term, and we wish her all the best.

# Reception Open Evening - Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November

- Is your child due to start school in September 2022?
- If you would like to look round our amazing school, please call or email the office to book a tour:  
01953 602410 or [office@ashleigh.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@ashleigh.norfolk.sch.uk)
- Tours will begin at the following times:
  - 4:15pm
  - 5:15pm
  - 6:15pm

We look forward to meeting you then!

## Ashleigh Teacher Book Recommendation

**Book title:** Cirque du Freak

**Author:** Darren Shan

Mr Finch recommends this book to: All Year 6 children

*After not reading this book for nearly 10 years, I recently stumbled across it in a charity shop, bought it and then read the introduction to Sycamore class. They loved it straight away! It is now on my class book shelf and is proving a popular choice! (There is also an AR quiz associated with it!)*

*The story is written by the author Darren Shan who is also the main character. Darren Shan is an ordinary boy who lives an ordinary life. But this all changes when he takes a trip to the Cirque Du Freak with his best mate Steve.*

*They have a great time until Steve points out that one of the acts - a man named Larten Crepsley who has a really poisonous spider called Madam Octa - was a vampire.*

*This book is a total rollercoaster. There are some great moments of humour which always have children laughing but also a number of examples of great sadness and seriousness where the characters are faced with difficult choices. I distinctly remember reading this book to an old class of mine and after reading a particular part of the story at the end of chapter 29 the classroom being totally stunned into silence.*

*Please let me know if you've read it. I hope you enjoy!*



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## Diary Dates

New or updated events

### 2021-2022 Dates

#### Autumn Term

Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Nov • Year 4 Swimming – Elm class

Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	• Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	• Flu Nasal Spray Vaccinations
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	• Year 4 Swimming – Elm class
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	• Year 4 Swimming – Elm class
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	• Year 4 Swimming – Elm class
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	• Year 4 Swimming – Elm class
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	• Christmas Lunch
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.