



Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery

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Message from Mr. McConnell

Feedback from Parent Consultations

It's been brilliant to hear from the teachers about the feedback we're getting from parents and carers about our new curriculum. Changing the curriculum is a huge job, which the teachers have carried out wonderfully this term. I'm starting to see that children across the school are learning so much – and not just in English and Maths but right across the curriculum. It's even more exciting for me that the children are enthusiastic to talk to you about their learning when they get home!

This week's Question of the Week is: **What learning has your child talked to you about most, since September?** Please [click here](#) to let us know.

Have a lovely weekend and see you next week!

Covid & Attendance

- If someone has tested positive for Covid in the household, Government guidelines are that children who feel well and have no symptoms can continue to come to school, unless they develop symptoms themselves.
- We are asking parents, where possible, to keep children at home during the isolation period of their family member because the Norfolk Outbreak Management Team are advising that schools take a low threshold approach to stop the spread of Covid.
- We will supply home learning for all children in this situation.
- Parents can still choose to send any child displaying no symptoms, in which case we ask that a lateral flow test is done every morning, with a negative result, before they come into school.

We really appreciate your support as we try to keep the whole school and community as safe and well as possible.

Lost Property

- Unfortunately we cannot look for individual unnamed items.
- Please take a moment to name all your child's school clothes so that we can return them for you.

Many thanks.

Outside Play

Now that we're heading into winter and the weather has taken a turn for the worse please can all children have a pair of wellies, (named) in school that they can wear to play on the field. Children without wellies play on the school playgrounds.

Monday 15th November - Odd Sock Day

Just a reminder that we're inviting everyone to wear odd socks on Monday, to support anti-bullying week and celebrate difference!

Friday 19th November - Children in Need Day

We're supporting Children in Need again this year, come in something spotty if you can! Donations will be made via SchoolMoney, a payment link will be sent out on Monday 15th November.

Treehouse Cancellation Period

- If you need to cancel any of your existing Treehouse sessions please remember that we require a **four week notice period**, and the request needs to be **emailed to treehouse@ashleighprimary.net or communicated in person to office staff.**
- Verbal messages given to Treehouse staff cannot be taken as notification of session cancellation.

Thank you.

Prefects

Well done to Ella B and George M, Ashleigh's Head Pupils for the year. There was an interview process and we were very impressed with all the children and their energy and enthusiasm in contributing to life at Ashleigh.

Our prefects this year will be:

| Autumn | Spring | Summer |
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| Max | Oscar | Taylor |
| Noah | Alice | Hayden |
| Anna | Lily | Keeley |
| Marnie | Jacob | Abi |
| Paige | Connor | Tilly |
| Poppy | Lola | Phebe |
| Sam | Evie | Toby W |
| Eli | Katya | Isabelle |
| Jessica | Martha | Mili |
| Elly | Tallulah | Kimberley |
| Amy | Ella R | Sophie |
| | | Madison |

We're sure they will all make us very proud!

Christmas Plans

- Ashleigh Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 15th December. This will be a non-uniform day for children.
- We'll let you know the details of how we are organising cards this year in a future Newsletter.
- We're also finalising our plans for celebrating Christmas with you all and we'll be able to share these plans very soon.

Ashleigh Friends - Christmas Card Fundraiser

- This year we are giving you the opportunity for your child's artwork to be produced into Christmas cards, plus extras, using local company Creative Lincs. and help us raise money for the PTA.
- If you would like to take part you will need your child to produce their own piece of artwork at home, which will be edited and reproduced into full colour A6 Cards with envelopes.
- Your child's name will be on the back of the card as the designer along with the school logo and a "Merry Christmas & Happy New Year" message printed inside.
- Artwork guidelines: Artwork can be drawn or painted onto any A5/A4 paper. Please ensure that the artwork avoids going to the very edge of the page as some of the detail maybe lost.
- Please avoid florescent & neon colours and don't use glitter as it doesn't transfer well into a printed card. If using glue be mindful that this will appear onto the card so less is more and that any glued-on elements are flat (googly eyes and cotton wool doesn't allow the card to sit flat in the production process).
- Ordering: Ordering is very simple. Please complete the order form (sent via email) and attach it to the back of the artwork with tape (please avoid stapling to the artwork otherwise holes or a big metal line will be evident!). Don't fold them either. Please clearly fill in your child's name and name of the class.
- Be sure to fill in exactly what you require to be printed and return it and the money or cheque payable to Ashleigh Friends to the school office in a sealed envelope labelled with your child's name and class by Tuesday 16th November.
- Unfortunately, **if we do not receive your order into school by 16th November there will be a delay in getting the completed cards to you.**
- Full prices and details are on the order form. Orders will be given to your children to bring home in early December.

Norfolk Festive Holiday Fun

- The Big Norfolk Holiday Fun Festive programme is open to **all children and young people aged 5-16** (or 4 if they're slightly younger but in full time education). There are lots of providers signed up to the programme, and something for everyone to enjoy. This could be music, sports and leisure or arts and crafts. It could also include cultural and drama sessions.
- A set number of free spaces on each activity can be claimed by children who receive means-tested free school meals. **If your child receives means-tested Free School Meals, please contact the school office for the code** which will enable you to book a free place on Big Norfolk Holiday Fun activities.
- If your child does not receive means-tested free school meals, they may still book onto and enjoy a fantastic range of festive activities for a small fee. You do not need a code for this, and can [book directly by using the links below](#).

Reception Open Evening - Wednesday 24th 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
- 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: You Can't Take an Elephant on a Bus

Author: Patricia Cleveland-Peck

Mrs Miller recommends this book to: Anyone who likes a giggle!

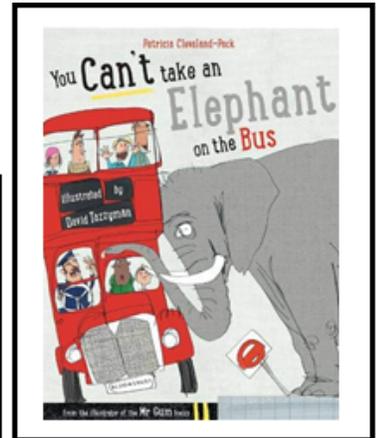
A friend of mine once asked me what makes a child fall in love with a book. I believe that, not only does someone fall in love with a book because of the actual story, but that they also fall in love with the memories created whilst sharing that book with the ones they love.

This is so true for the book I am recommending today. Every time I read this book, it takes me straight back to sitting in my garden in the summer, listening to my two children snuggled up in their tent! The giggling and enjoyment as they shared this book together, discovering which animal might try to travel on which transport, and exploring how the illustrator has captured the animal's expressions and feelings in such a witty and fun way, are what creates those lasting memories of falling in love with a book!

As well as being very funny, this book is a lovely introduction to rhyme and verse, and lends itself perfectly to developing imagination and problem solving language - I mean just imagine trying to take an elephant on a bus...!

Listening to children enjoying books together as they enter the world of storytelling, creating memories of favourite stories and the laughter that fills the air, are moments to treasure.

*I hope you enjoy it as much as we do in my family! Please post on twitter with the hashtag **#ashleighbookclub** to let us know your thoughts on our book recommendation of the week.*



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Diary Dates

New or updated events

2021-2022 Dates

Autumn Term

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| Mon 15 th Nov | • Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week |
| Tues 16 th Nov | • Flu Nasal Spray Vaccinations |
| Wed 17 th Nov | • Year 4 Swimming – Elm class |
| Fri 19 th Nov | • Children in Need |
| Wed 24 th Nov | • Year 4 Swimming – Elm class |

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| Wed 1 st Dec | • Year 4 Swimming - Elm class |
| Wed 8 th Dec | • Year 4 Swimming - Elm class |
| Wed 15 th Dec | • Christmas Lunch |
| Fri 17 th Dec | • 3:00/3:15pm School/Nursery close for Christmas Holiday |
| Spring Term | |
| Wed 5 th Jan | • Staff INSET Day |
| Thurs 6 th Jan | • 8:30am/8:40am Nursery/School reopen |
| Fri 11 th Feb | • 3:00/3:15pm School/Nursery close for Half Term |
| Mon 21 st Feb | • 8:30am/8:40am Nursery/School reopen |
| Fri 1 st Apr | • 3:00/3:15pm School/Nursery close for Half Term |
| Summer Term | |
| Tues 19 th Apr | • Staff INSET Day |
| Wed 20 th Apr | • 8:30am/8:40am Nursery/School reopen |
| Mon 2 nd May | • Bank Holiday |
| Fri 27 th May | • 3:00/3:15pm School/Nursery close for Half Term |
| Mon 6 th Jun | • 8:30am/8:40am Nursery/School reopen |
| Fri 22 nd Jul | • 3:00/3:15pm School/Nursery 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.