



Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery

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2021

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Message from Mr. McConnell

Sadly for everyone here, Mrs Sprake is leaving Ashleigh at Christmas to take up a really exciting new job, working for the local education authority.

Although everyone involved with Ashleigh will miss her very much, I'm sure you'll all join with me in congratulating her on her new role and saying thank you for being such an important part of Ashleigh life for the last 10 years.

The good news is that the brilliant Mrs Lynch will be joining our fantastic Nursery Team in January so that Ashleigh Nursery continues to be a great place for our youngest children.

Question of the week

Every year we will ask parents/carers to complete a survey to let us know how you feel about Ashleigh. Your answers will help us continue to shape and improve Ashleigh in the future so please take a few minutes to complete the survey.

Please [click on this link to complete the survey](#).

Thank you!

School Safety

- School starts at 8:45am. Even though we understand that lots of parents and children like to be a bit early, please don't be too early because our site is only supervised from 8:40am.
- We are really keen that this first part of the day is a safe and calm start for all of the children, especially as the biggest and smallest children are all in the same area at once. So please help us to remind the children that this five minutes can't be used for chasing each other or playing games.
- Anyone who needs to be here earlier than 8:40am can book Ashleigh Breakfast Club, please email treehouse@ashleighprimary.net

Coats

Please send children in with a warm (named) coat every day, children will be outside whenever possible and our expectation is that children will wear their coats at break and lunchtimes during winter.

School Vacancies

- We currently have the following vacancies at Ashleigh:
 - **Parent Support Advisor;**
 - **1:1 Teaching Assistant;**
 - **Midday Supervisory Assistant.**
- If you would be interested in applying, job details and an application form can be found at <http://www.ashleighprimary.com/category/news/vacancies/>

Charity Donations

Thank you to everyone who donated in school to:

- Children in Need, raising £284, and
 - The Poppy Appeal, raising £230.06!
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Christmas Lunch Menu

All children who have dietary menus arranged with Edwards & Blake will automatically have their meal prepared in line with their individual menu requirements.

Christmas FSM Voucher Scheme

- The government will be offering the Free School Meal Voucher scheme over the Christmas holiday.
 - Each eligible child will receive an email voucher for £55.
 - This is based on the usual £15 per child per week for the two weeks of the holiday, plus an additional £25 per child to help families free up household finances in advance of an anticipated rise in energy costs in January.
 - If you believe you might be eligible for Free School Meals please apply via <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk>
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Christmas Cards

- From Monday 6th to Friday 10th December we will have post-boxes outside each classroom for children to post any cards they want to send.
 - This year we are asking that children **only send cards to children in their class.**
 - On Wednesday 15th December children will receive all of their cards to open at home.
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Wynterfest

- Wymondham Town Council asked the primary schools of Wymondham to create a Nativity Board each to be displayed during December along Market Street.
 - Each of our year groups created a 'Window' for our part of the giant advent calendar, with Browick Road and Robert Kett doing the same. They look fantastic together and it was lovely to work so closely with our sister schools. Well done to everyone involved!
 - Also, Sunday is Wymondham's 'Wynterfest' from 12-5pm.
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Ashleigh Teacher Book Recommendation

Book title: Kensuke's Kingdom

Author: Michael Morpurgo

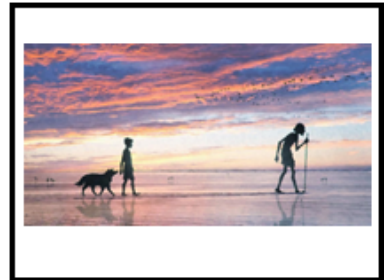
Mrs Landis recommends this book to: All children aged 9+

'Washed up on an island in the Pacific, Michael struggles to survive on his own. With no food and no water, he curls up to die. When he wakes, there is a plate beside him of fish, of fruit, and a bowl of fresh water. He is not alone...'

I want to recommend Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo. I can't imagine there are many children who have not heard of this fantastic author and may have come across other books written by him. I was lucky enough to meet him one evening when he was reading from his famous 'War Horse' book. This book is filled with adventure and excitement and my favourite character is Michael because he never gives up! In this story, he battles through hardship and life in the wild and still manages to find his true self again!

Although this award-winning book was written in 2000—it is such a classic read that has stood the test of time and I would encourage you to read and share this wonderful story.

I hope you enjoy it as much as I do! 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

Tues 7 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:15am Christmas Song Performance: Nursery 2:15pm Christmas Song Performance: Nursery
Wed 8 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 4 Swimming – Elm class 2:30pm Christmas Song Performance: Year 6
Thurs 9 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:30pm Christmas Song Performance: Year 5
Fri 10 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:30pm Christmas Song Performance: Year 4
Mon 13 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:30pm Christmas Song Performance: Year 3
Tues 14 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:30pm Christmas Song Performance: Year 2
Wed 15 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Lunch 2:30pm Christmas Song Performance: Year 1
Thurs 16 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Hedgehog Class Flu Vaccine 2:30pm Christmas Song Performance: Reception 3:00pm Ashleigh Friends Christmas Bake Sale
Fri 17 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:00/3:15pm School/Nursery close for Christmas Holiday

Spring Term

Wed 5 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff INSET Day
Thurs 6 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30am/8:40am Nursery/School reopen
Fri 11 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.