



Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery

10th December
2021

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Message from Mr. McConnell

We hope you've enjoyed the singing performances so far this week, and we look forward to the rest of the performances still to come!

As mentioned last 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!

Morrisons Good to Grow Vouchers

We'd like to say **a huge thank you** to everyone who collected Morrisons Good to Grow vouchers for us. It's a really good scheme and we've ordered some great tools and equipment for children to use on the Farm!

Lunchtimes

- Can we ask that parents/carers please choose school lunches together with your child/ren so they know what they will be eating in advance. The kitchen cooks to order so if a child doesn't like/won't eat their lunch, they may not have an alternative to offer.
- It's definitely getting colder as we head into winter, so please send children with a warm coat, hat and gloves (all named) for outside play.

Christmas Lunch - 15th December

- Following on from yesterday's email; **school Christmas lunch needs to be ordered by 2pm today** to allow the kitchen to order the correct supplies.
- If you have not ordered a Christmas lunch **your child/ren will need to bring a home packed lunch on Wednesday**.
- Children can wear Christmas jumpers, or festive colours, on Wednesday but please don't feel you have to buy anything especially for the day.

Christmas Cards

- Today was the last day to post Christmas cards in class.
- On Wednesday 15th December children will receive all of their cards to open at home.

Ashleigh Friends Christmas Cake Sale - Thursday

- The PTA are holding a cake sale on Thursday 16th December, at 3pm on the playground.

- All donations of cakes and bakes are welcome - please drop them off at the school office in the morning in a named container. **Remember no nuts please.**
- We also need volunteers to help sell cakes and set up, if you're able to help please contact ashleighfriendspta@hotmail.co.uk
- And, of course, don't forget to bring some money to buy some festive treats! Cakes will be 50p and smaller bakes (e.g. biscuits) 30p.

Did you know we are on Facebook? Find us at Ashleigh Friends PTA.

Accelerated Reader Millionaire's Club

We would like to celebrate Evan R this week for reaching the AR 'Millionaire's Club' again this half term. Evan has read an incredible 1,090,146 words, what an achievement! Well done, Evan!

School Vacancies

- We currently have the following vacancies at Ashleigh:
 - **Parent Support Advisor**, closing date 5th January;
 - **1:1 Teaching Assistant**, closing date 13th December;
 - **Midday Supervisory Assistant**, closing date 13th December.
- If you would be interested in applying, job details and an application form can be found at <http://www.ashleighprimary.com/category/news/vacancies/>

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>

Ashleigh Teacher Book Recommendation

Book title: Cops and Robbers

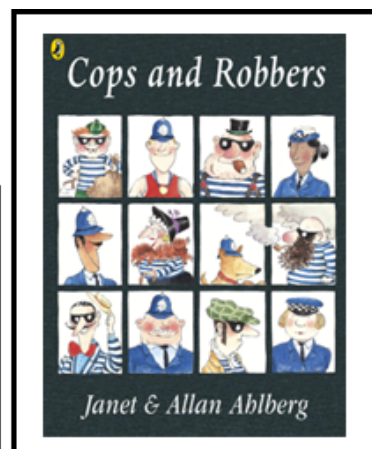
Author: Janet and Allan Ahlberg

Mrs Mann recommends this book to: All children aged 3-11

A picture book that I have always enjoyed is Cops and Robbers by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. Many of the classes I have taught love the book and often choose it from the bookshelf to be read at story time. Recently, I have loved reading the story to my son who likes to join in with the repeated refrain, "Ho Ho for the robbers, the cops and the robbers Ho Ho!"

This is a beautifully illustrated book which tells the tale of a villainous crew of robbers planning to steal everyone's presents on Christmas Eve. Fortunately, the robbers meet their match in brave office Pugh who leaps into action and arrests the villains - all except Grandma Swagg who manages to get away! There is a whole host of funny characters with amusing names. The rhyming verse, repeated refrain and detailed pictures make this a thoroughly enjoyable book to look at again and again.

*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	
Fri 10 th Dec	• 2:30pm Christmas Song Performance: Year 4
Mon 13 th Dec	• 2:30pm Christmas Song Performance: Year 3
Tues 14 th Dec	• 2:30pm Christmas Song Performance: Year 2
Wed 15 th Dec	• Christmas Lunch • 2:30pm Christmas Song Performance: Year 1
Thurs 16 th Dec	• a.m. Hedgehog Class Flu Vaccine • 2:30pm Christmas Song Performance: Reception • 3:00pm Ashleigh Friends Christmas Bake Sale
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
Wed 12 th Jan	• a.m. Maple Class Swimming
Wed 19 th Jan	• a.m. Maple Class Swimming
Wed 26 th Jan	• a.m. Maple Class Swimming
Wed 2 nd Feb	• a.m. Maple Class Swimming
Wed 9 th Feb	• a.m. Maple Class Swimming

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
Wed 23 rd Feb	• a.m. Maple Class Swimming
Wed 2 nd Mar	• a.m. Maple Class Swimming
Wed 9 th Mar	• a.m. Maple Class Swimming
Wed 16 th Mar	• a.m. Maple Class Swimming
Wed 23 rd Mar	• a.m. Maple Class Swimming
Wed 30 th Mar	• a.m. Maple Class Swimming
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.