



Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery

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Message from Mr. McConnell

Welcome back! It's been a short week but a great week. It's been wonderful to see you all and lovely to see so many happy faces amongst the children, parents and staff.

I'm really looking forward to this year because we have some very exciting things happening over the next 12 months, including updating the playground; expanding the farm all the way down to Nursery and Reception; bringing back Forest School for Years 2 and 3; some great visits and even the possibility of a school production.

We're going to make some magical memories this year!

Covid Update

My letter to all parents/carers on Wednesday explained that:

- We want the school to stay open, even if we are short of staff at times. This means that your child may not always be taught by the adults they're used to.
- We have tried our best to prepare for staff absence over the coming half term by making sure we have as many staff as possible prepared to cover.
- We want to focus on keeping the school running at a high standard. This means that home learning for children who are isolating will be different this half term so that staff who are in school can keep the school open and running smoothly. *Please see the letter emailed on Wednesday 5th January for the details, if you need another copy please contact the school office.*
- We are using the Oak National Academy resources for any children who need to learn from home at any point. We'll also be checking in with the children every day through SeeSaw or Google Classroom, depending on their year group. We won't be able to offer live lessons or Zoom check-ins this time around as the staff who are able to work will probably be stretched between classes in school, covering absence.
- We're still requesting that if people (staff and children) live with someone who has coronavirus that they work from home.
- This goes further than the government guidance – as parents you can still send your child to school if someone in the household has Covid and the child has a negative test. We still think that the best way to keep the school open is for staff and children who live with people with Covid to work from home.
- If your child develops Covid symptoms at home, they should stay at home and you should book a PCR test for them.
- If your child develops Covid symptoms at school, they will be sent home and you should book them a PCR test.
- If your child tests positive for Covid, they will need to self-isolate. The rest of the household should take a test.
- Please keep the school office up to date with any information.
- If your child needs to isolate and is entitled to free school meals, please contact the school office so that we can issue supply a food parcel for the period of absence.

- office@ashleigh.norfolk.sch.uk is the first point of contact for support. SeeSaw and Google Classroom aren't constantly monitored so if you need a quick response please use this email address.
- Learning from home is a good chance to get stuck into a book. If you need more books at home during a period of isolation please let the school office know.

Icy Weather

- To prevent accidents during icy weather, please keep to the gritted paths around the school site.

PE Days

Reception	Friday
Year 1	Tuesday & Thursday
Year 2	Monday & Wednesday
Year 3	Wednesday & Friday
Year 4	Monday & Wednesday
Year 5	Tuesday & Thursday
Year 6	Wednesday

Maple Class Swimming Lessons

Just a reminder that Maple class swimming lessons start on Wednesday 12th January. The children leave straight after morning registration so please make sure they have all their swimming kit with them.

Reception Hearing & Vision Screening

- Reception Hearing & Vision Screening will take place in school on Monday 7th, Tuesday 8th and Thursday 10th February 2022.
 - If you are happy for your child to be screened, you do not need to do anything.
 - If you do not want your child to be screened, please follow the instructions below to opt out by **24.1.22: if you do not opt out by this date there is a chance your child may be seen:-**
 - Call on 0300 300 0123, or;
 - email: CCS-TR.NCMPScreeningOptOut@nhs.net
 - Leave the following information:-
 - Child's full name;
 - NHS Number (if known);
 - Date of birth;
 - Current home address;
 - School they attend;
 - Check/test you're opting them out of vision, hearing or both.
- The Screening Team will need to receive all the above information if you are opting your child out.**

School Vacancies

- We currently have the following vacancies at Ashleigh:
 - **Midday Supervisory Assistants.**
 - Salary – £9.25 per hour
 - Monday – Friday: 1 hour twenty minutes per day (11:55am-1:15pm)
 - Term time only.

- We are seeking to appoint two Midday Supervisory Assistants 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.
- Job details and an application form can be found at <http://www.ashleighprimary.com/category/news/vacancies/>
- or please contact the school office.

Ashleigh Teacher Book Recommendation

Will return on Friday 17th January!

Diary Dates

New or updated events

<u>2021-2022 Dates</u>	
Spring Term	
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
Mon 7 th Feb	• Reception Height & Weight Measuring
Tues 8 th Feb	• Reception Height & Weight Measuring
Wed 9 th Feb	• a.m. Maple Class Swimming
Thurs 10 th Feb	• Reception Height & Weight Measuring
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
Fri 18 th Mar	• Red Nose Day
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.