



Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery

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Message from Mr. McConnell

Golden Tickets

We've started to give out 'Golden Tickets' to recognise how brilliant the behaviour is at Ashleigh. We are so proud of how the children at our school conduct themselves so we are going to celebrate that every week by giving out Golden Tickets for showing Responsibility, Empathy, Safety, Perseverance, Engagement, Confidence and Teamwork (our Ashleigh Guiding Stars).

All of the Golden Tickets for the week will go into the tombola and we will pick out 15 winning tickets who'll all be able to choose a book from Kett's Books.

Question of the Week - Sports Day

It would be great if we could have a Sports Day this year. Sports Day is one of those days that many children and parents/carers look forward to most in the school calendar. If it's possible, we want to bring Sports Day back in style this year so I want to ask you all:

"What makes Sports Day special at Ashleigh?"

Covid Update

Changes to the self-isolation period for those who test positive for COVID-19

- From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.
- The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#).
- If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.
- Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.
- Further [information on self-isolation for those with COVID-19](#) is available. Government guidance announced yesterday that people with Covid in England can stop self-isolating after five full days as long as they test negative on days five and six.
- As you will be aware from previous letters, newsletters and government guidelines; children can come to school when there is a positive case of Covid within their household. We have been asking that, wherever possible, children are kept at home to stop the spread of Covid within school and the community.

- ***If you have children in this situation, please inform the office, and ensure your child has a negative lateral flow test each morning before coming to school.***
- You may be eligible for government financial support if you are having to self-isolate, please check [claiming financial support under the test and trace support payment scheme](#) for more information.

We appreciate everyone's support to help keep us all as safe and well as possible.

Sweets

- Please can we ask that children don't bring sweets/treats into school to give out in class, including on their birthdays. We have children with various different allergies, and this prevents any medical reactions. Thank you.
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Bouncercise KS2 After School Club Dates

Bouncercise for KS2 children will now start on Friday 17th January, with the last session for that group on Friday 25th February.

Year 6 Assessment Week

Year 6 assessment week will start on Monday 24th January.

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

Book title: The Lion Inside

Author: Rachel Bright

Mr Walker recommends this book to: children 4-8

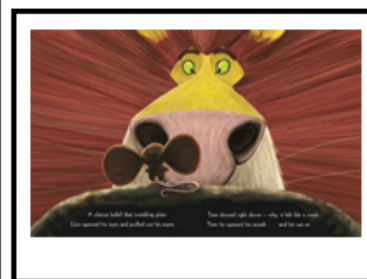
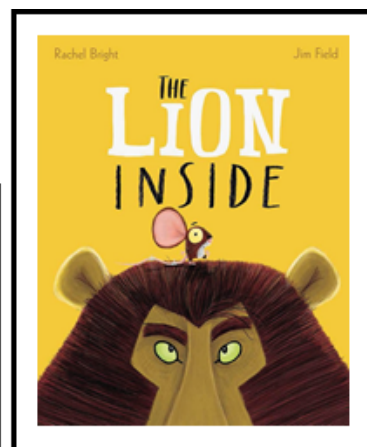
In a dry dusty place where the sand sparkled gold, stood a mighty flat rock, all craggy and old. And under that rock in a tiny house, lived the littlest, quietest, meekest brown mouse.

Fed up of being ignored by the other animals, Mouse wishes he could roar like Lion. But, as he discovers, even the biggest, bossiest people are scared sometimes ... and even the smallest creatures can have the heart of a lion!

One reason I love this book is because I love reading it aloud to children. The mouse has a tiny meek voice and the lion has a huge roar. It's a really fun book which has a beautiful message around confidence, self-esteem, and a shy little mouse who sets out on a journey to find his roar.

Look out for other books by Rachel Bright including: The Koala Who Could and The Squirrels Who Squabbled.

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	
Spring Term	
Wed 19 th Jan	• a.m. Maple Class Swimming
Mon 24 th Jan	• a.m. Year 6 Assessments
Tues 25 th Jan	• a.m. Year 6 Assessments
Wed 26 th Jan	• a.m. Maple Class Swimming
Thurs 27 th Jan	• a.m. Year 6 Assessments
Fri 28 th Jan	• a.m. Year 6 Assessments
Wed 2 nd Feb	• a.m. Maple Class Swimming
Mon 7 th Feb	• Reception Hearing & Vision Screening
Tues 8 th Feb	• Reception Hearing & Vision Screening
Wed 9 th Feb	• a.m. Maple Class Swimming
Thurs 10 th Feb	• Reception Hearing & Vision Screening
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

After School Clubs

Day	Club	Years	First Session	Last Session	Pick-Up
Monday	Bouncercise	1 & 2	10 th January	25 th February	4:00pm
Monday	Musical Theatre	1 – 6	10 th January	21 st March	4:00pm
Tuesday	Football (2 groups)	1 – 6	11 th January	22 nd March	4:00pm
Wednesday	Mini-Tennis	1 & 2	12 th January	23 rd March	4:00pm
Wednesday	Street Dance	1 – 6	12 th January	23 rd March	4:00pm
Thursday	Football	1 & 2	13 th January	24 th March	4:00pm
Thursday	Karate	1 – 6	13 th January	24 th March	4:00pm
Thursday	Ukelele	1 – 6	13 th January	24 th March	3:45pm
Friday	Bouncercise	3 – 6	14 th January	21 st February	4:00pm
Friday	Dodgeball	3 – 6	14 th January	25 th March	4:00pm

Please remember to let the office know if your child will not be attending a club for any reason.

Previous Newsletters

If you would like information from any of our previous newsletters, please contact the office who will be able to help you.