



Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery

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Message from Mr. McConnell

As you're aware, we're have a lot of Covid related absence at the moment. I'm extremely proud of the staff who have done a brilliant job this week of keeping the school going and making sure it's a safe and happy place to be. Every day we've had to juggle things around and ask our brilliant staff to work even harder than usual so that the children who are in school get a daily experience which is pretty much 'business as usual'. A huge thank you to them, from me!

We realise that lots of families are at home at the moment and everyone is in a different position in terms of home learning. I'd just like to make it really clear that we are always pleased to hear about children learning at home and using the Oak National Academy lessons but we do not want to add any pressure to families who are looking after someone who is unwell. Please just do what you, as a family, think is right – as a school we're really focused on making sure that everything is running well for the children when they start coming back, as lots of them will next week.

On that note, it's important to say thank you to those families who have protected the school by isolating as a family when there is a positive case in the household. I have lots of examples of how this has really helped us to stay open, so far.

Now that we have reached a 'peak' as a school, I'd like to add a bit extra to my guidance around this issue. Once children who have had Covid have recovered and their isolation period is finished, we really look forward to seeing them back at school, even if there are cases in the household.

To end on a really positive note, I'm very optimistic that Covid will be on its way down from now on and within a month, school will be more normal than it has been for 2 years. In the meantime, I'd like to wish a speedy recovery to everyone in our community who is unwell and a happy weekend to you all. If, as a school, we can offer any support to any of our isolating families at this difficult time, please email or phone the school office.

Covid

- Government guidelines remain at day 5 and 6 testing, with two consecutive day's negative lateral flow tests before returning.
- **If your child seems unwell, even without the main 3 Covid symptoms (fever, new and persistent cough, loss of taste and/or smell), please can they take a lateral flow test to rule out Covid.**
- Thank you for your continued support.

FSM Vouchers - February Half Term

- FSM vouchers will be emailed out to all eligible families to cover the February half term week, £15 per child.

- If you think you may be eligible but have not applied, or your circumstances have changed since your last application, please click on:
[Norfolk Free School Meals Application](#)

Nursery Open Evening - Wednesday 23rd February

- Are you interested in Ashleigh Nursery for September 2022?
- **If your child is starting Reception in September 2023 and you're interested in a place at our Nursery for the academic year 2022-2023**, we'd love to invite you to our open evening for a chance to look round our amazing Nursery.
- Please call or email the office to book a tour: 01953 602410 or nursery@ashleighprimary.net
- Tours will begin at the following times:
 - 4:30pm
 - 5:30pm
- We look forward to meeting you!

Online Safety

- We have recently updated our PSHE curriculum so that Online Safety is embedded through real life scenarios and questions from: "Who can help me if I feel upset about something I see online?" (Year 1), to "Should social media be used as a portal to vent negative emotions?" (Year 6).
- We will be using the 'Project Evolve Toolkit' recommended by Norfolk Safeguarding Board which allows us to make quizzes to assess the children's knowledge and understanding. We will be launching these quizzes on Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 8th February.
- Each year children will cover the following topics in an age-appropriate way:
 - Self-image and Identity;
 - Online Reputation;
 - Online bullying;
 - Managing Online information;
 - Health, Wellbeing and Lifestyle;
 - Privacy and Security;
 - Copyright and Ownership.
- We have also updated our school website to include some useful guides and links for parents about keeping children safe online and setting up parental controls. <https://www.ashleighprimary.com/internet-safety/online-safety-advice-for-parents/keeping-children-safe-online/>

Please read below message from Norfolk Constabulary regarding Internet Safety Webinars

- Keeping children safe online is a huge priority for us within the Norfolk Constabulary's Youth Engagement and Safer Schools Teams. The internet is an amazing tool, however, many of the issues the Police deal with when it comes to young people involve online behaviour. The recent Ofcom "Children and parents: media use and attitudes report" (2021) found that 97% of children aged 5 - 15 watch content on video sharing platforms. Only 30% of parents use controls to restrict their children's access to inappropriate content and just over half of 12-15s have had some form of negative online experience.

- One of our Safer Schools Support Workers, along with a Safer Schools Police Officer, will be running some webinars on the dates below in which we will provide advice and guidance for parents and carers about how to keep their children safe online. We will talk about the apps and websites young people are likely to be accessing and the risks they face when using these. We will highlight some of the things that parents and carers should be aware of that might indicate that their children are experiencing difficulties online and we will give advice on what to do about this and how to have conversations about internet safety. We expect the webinar will last around an hour and there will be the opportunity to ask any questions you may have about the subject.
- Dates available:
Monday 7th February at 12:00pm
Wednesday 9th February at 12:00pm
- The webinar will be held on Microsoft Teams. Please email the Youth Engagement Team mailbox YouthEngagementEvents@norfolk.police.uk , stating the date you wish to attend and we will send you the link to the meeting. (Please note, you should just be able to click on the link in order to access the meeting. You do not need to download the Microsoft Teams app!)

We look forward to seeing you there.

The Youth Engagement Team
Norfolk Constabulary.

Just One Norfolk

Just One Norfolk have updated their website:

<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/childhood-illnesses/caring-for-a-sick-child>

Caring for a Sick Child - Just One Norfolk

Who Can Help?

You can contact the Healthy Child Programme by:

- Calling Just One Number on 0300 300 0123, or
- Texting Parentline on 07520631590.
- Our opening hours are 8am-6pm Monday-Friday (excluding bank holidays) and 9am-1pm on Saturdays.

www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk

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 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 Goldfish Boy

Author: Lisa Thompson

Miss Webb recommends this book.

“A story about finding friendship when you're lonely - and hope when all you feel is fear.”

This book is about a boy, Matthew, who has severe Obsessive Compulsive Disorder which means he hasn't been to school for weeks. Every day is the same for him, a combination of cleaning and staring outside his window to pass the time. However, when a toddler, Teddy, goes missing from next door, Matthew realises he was the last person to see him alive. He finds himself in the middle of solving a crime, where every one of his neighbours is a suspect. He realises he may be the only person who can save Teddy!

I love this book because it is a story about the courage it can take to face your fears and how to learn to live with them

Lisa Thompson is one of my favourite authors because her characters show us that we are all different, but that we are all important to other people and each have our own impact on the world.

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 2 nd Feb	• a.m. Maple Class Swimming
Mon 7 th Feb	• Reception Hearing & Vision Screening
Tues 8 th Feb	• Reception Hearing & Vision Screening • Online Safety Day
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 • 4:30pm and 5:30pm Nursery Open Evening Tours
Wed 2 nd Mar	• a.m. Maple Class Swimming
Wed 9 th Mar	• a.m. Maple Class Swimming
Tues 15 th Mar	• Year 6 Football Ashleigh v St. Michael's

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	Ukulele	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.