



Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery

**11th February
2022**

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Message from Mr. McConnell

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and a wonderful break. For those of you who are unwell at the moment, I wish you all a speedy recovery.

Even though I'm looking forward to a bit of a break, I'm really looking forward to coming back because spring is definitely in the air at Ashleigh. Last week, murals started to appear in the Key Stage 2 Corridor and in our new library, and yesterday, the most exciting thing happened: work began on our farm expansion!

The Ashleigh farm is going to be growing between now and September. It's going to be more than a farm – it's going to be somewhere beautiful for the children to learn and play and climb and balance and explore outside. As well as that, we're putting the finishing touches to our plans to improve the playground, which are pretty exciting too!

See you on the 21st February!

Year 6 Homework

- We have set a homework task from each of their homework books to be completed by the first Monday back after half-term (21.02.22).
- As well as this, all Year 6s will be sent home with a Maths pack to be completed during the half-term break.
- There are five sets of questions (one for each day of the week) and they are designed to keep the children 'ticking over' so when they return, they are ready to go again! If any questions cause confusion, please circle them so we know what we need to look at when we are back.
- Previously, we have indicated that holiday homework was optional, however, for this half-term and the upcoming Easter break, homework will be compulsory.

Thank you for your support in this.
Miss Stephens and Mr Finch

Online Safety - Childline

For children in need of someone to talk to:
0800 1111
www.childline.org.uk

World Book Day - Thursday 3rd March

We're pleased to say we are planning to dress up for World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March! We hope children, and staff, will come dressed as a favourite book character. Please don't go to any unnecessary expense!

School Vacancies

- We currently have the following vacancies at Ashleigh:
 - **Midday Supervisory Assistants.**
 - Salary – £9.50 per hour
 - Monday – Friday: 1 hour twenty minutes per day (11:55am-1:15pm)
 - Term time only.
 - Job details and an application form can be found at <http://www.ashleighprimary.com/category/news/vacancies/> or please contact the school office.
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SEND Survey

- Children and young people with SEND, their families, and the professionals who work with them are being asked to share their views in a new survey.
 - The wide-ranging survey has been put together by Norfolk County Council working in partnership with parents, parent carer groups, and a range of professionals.
 - It has been designed to be as easy as possible, can be completed anonymously and should only take around 15 minutes.
 - It asks questions about support, education, health, and social care.
 - It is divided into three separate sets of questions for each of these groups: children and young people aged 11 to 25; parents and carers; and professionals.
 - It aims to give everyone the chance to be heard on the issues which matter most to them.
 - The information gathered will be used to help improve services and support in Norfolk this year and beyond.
 - The survey can be found by clicking here: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/SENDSurvey2022/>
 - An Easy Read version for children and young people is available. It is open until Monday 7th March.
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Big Norfolk Holiday Fun - Easter Holidays

April 4th – 19th

- Holiday activity scheme for children aged 5-16;
 - Free for all families eligible for means tested free school meals (contact the school office for the code to claim free booking);
 - Fun, fitness and creative activities for your child plus a free healthy lunch too.
 - **Booking opens Monday 21st February; visit [Big Norfolk Holiday Fun - Active Norfolk](#)**
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Ashleigh Teacher Book Recommendation

Book title: Varjak Paw

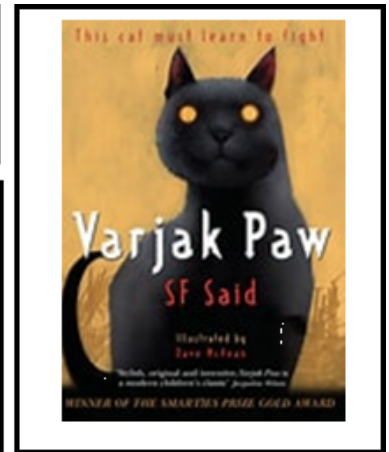
Author: S. F. Said

Miss Evans recommends this book to KS2 children.

Varjak Paw spends the first part of his life in luxury, living as a house cat in a large house on top of a hill. When his grandfather tells him about 'the Way', the secret martial art for cats, he is intrigued. When he is forced out of his home by a sinister man and his two cats, Varjak ends up on the streets below. But being a street cat is tougher than he thought and he has to face a lot of challenges along the way. Can he return and save his house and grandfather from the grip of the sinister man? Will he ever learn 'the Way'?

I really like Varjak Paw because it is a unique story, told from the perspective of a cat. Varjak learns a lot of lessons through his journey, about the world and about himself, and what it means to be different in a world that is unfamiliar and new. I think that the illustrations are brilliant, using a range of styles to portray the emotions that Varjak is feeling as well as the action that is occurring throughout. This book is aimed more at Key Stage 2 children, and works well as an independent read or read with an adult. Varjak Paw is the first book in the series of two, so if you enjoy this one, you'll have to see what Varjak gets up to next!

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

Fri 11 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:00/3:15pm School/Nursery close for Half Term
Mon 21 st Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30am/8:40am Nursery/School reopen
Wed 23 rd Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Maple Class Swimming 4:30pm and 5:30pm Nursery Open Evening Tours
Wed 2 nd Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Maple Class Swimming
Thurs 3 rd Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Book Day – Dress as your favourite character Year 6 Football Team v Taverham Junior (Home)
Wed 9 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Maple Class Swimming
Tues 15 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Football Team v St. Michael's (Home)
Wed 16 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Maple Class Swimming
Fri 18 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Red Nose Day Year 5 Football Team v Firside (Home)
Wed 23 rd Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Maple Class Swimming
Mon 28 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 Football Team v Eaton (Home)
Tues 29 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Years 5 & 6 Football Teams v Drayton Junior (Away – will be played at Drayton Infant School)
Wed 30 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Maple Class Swimming
Fri 1 st Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.