



Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery

6th May 2022

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Message from Mr. McConnell

Today I'd like to say a huge public "well done" to the children. The children at Ashleigh are so kind, so polite, so caring and an absolute joy to work with. We've had another tremendous week – a big part of that success is how well the children look after themselves and each other at playtimes and lunchtimes.

Question of the week:

You may have seen in the news that every school in England needs to offer a six and-a-half hour day from September 2023. This means that at Ashleigh we're going to have to start earlier, finish later or do a bit of both. I'm really interested to get as many parent/carer views on this as possible, so this week's question is:

Which of these options do you think would be best?

A: 8.30am - 3.00pm

B: 8.45am - 3.15pm

C: 9.00am - 3.30pm

Please [click here](#) to let us know your answer. The survey will close at 9am on Friday 13th May.

I don't want to rush into a decision on this and there are lots different things that we'll have to consider before anything changes. This is the start of what will probably be a year-long conversation!

This week's Golden Ticket Winners were:

Connie - Hedgehog; George, Alfie and William – Squirrel; Shanley, Anthony, Elijah and Sammy – Bat; Dylan – Fox; Esme – Birch; Ben – Hazel; Billy – Elm; Jack and Nymera – Mulberry; Ella - Sycamore.

Enjoy the warm weather this weekend!

Food Vouchers for Free School Meal Eligible Children

- Support has been extended to cover the period April - October 2022 for pupils eligible for means-tested Free School Meals.
- Norfolk County Council are not linking the food vouchers to the school holidays but are issuing them monthly to help families with the cost of living.
- Parents/carers may choose to save vouchers rather than spend at the time of issue so they have more funds available during the school holidays if they wish to, within the constraints of the three-month expiry date of the vouchers.
- Note: If vouchers expire, they cannot be reissued.
- Families currently eligible will automatically receive EdenRed email vouchers.
- If you believe you may be eligible and wish to apply, please go to:

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk>

Year 6: Testing Week and Breakfast Club - Monday 9th to Thursday 12th May

- As you will be aware, next week is our Year 6 SATS testing week.
- All Year 6 children are invited to attend our Early Morning Breakfast club where they can have something small to eat (toast, crumpets, pancakes) and sit with their friends to settle their nerves before the tests.
- Children who do wish to attend the early morning breakfast should arrive at their classroom door no earlier than 8:15 am.

We wish all our Year 6 well for the week to come!

Mental Health Awareness Week 9th - 15th May 2022

- Mental Health Awareness Week is an opportunity for everyone to focus on achieving good mental health. The theme for this year's Mental Health Awareness Week is **loneliness**. Loneliness is something we can all experience from time to time, and it is different for everyone.
 - Kooth's guide to understanding and managing feelings of loneliness can be found at [loneliness support brochure](#)
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Barn Owl Class - Open Classroom - 18th May at 3pm

Following on from parent phone calls with Miss Eyre, Barn Owl class will be open from 3-4pm on Wednesday 18th May for parents/carers to look at their child's books. Books will be laid out on the tables, Miss Eyre will be in staff training after school, if you need to speak with her please contact the office to arrange a telephone call. Many thanks.

Sports Equipment for Schools

We are taking part in Archant's Sports Equipment for Schools campaign, please support us if you can!

- By collecting daily and weekly tokens in-paper, primary schools across the region will have the chance to win a share of the equipment. The winning schools (tokens as a ratio to pupils) will receive a full primary athletics kit worth over £1,000 plus a visit from a professional athlete who has represented Great Britain who will instil a message of hard work and resilience in the children and help encourage them to follow their dreams. Second prize will be a Sports Hall Triathlon kit worth £750.
- Every other school that collects more than 1,000 tokens will receive a pack worth over £120, you can choose between a 'Throw Pack' or an 'Infant Bag'.
- **Get Ready To Collect** – tokens will be daily in the Eastern Daily Press (two on Saturday), Norwich Evening News (two on Saturday) and weekly in the North Norfolk News, Dereham Times, Fakenham Times, Beccles & Bungay Journal, Lowestoft Journal and Great Yarmouth Mercury.
- **Start Collecting** – first tokens will appear Monday 9th May, final token Saturday 16th July. The two schools with the most tokens (as an average per pupil) will win the main two prizes meaning that all schools have a chance, both big and small.
- Please collect the vouchers if you have any of these papers and send them into school, thank you in advance for your support!

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.

After School Club Details

Day	Club	Years	First Session	Last Session	Pick-Up
Monday	Bootcamp	R – 6	25 th April	11 th July	4:00pm
Monday	Musical Theatre	1 – 6	9 th May	18 th July	4:00pm
Tuesday	Football (2 groups)	1 – 6	26 th Apr	12 th July	4:00pm
Wednesday	Tennis	3 – 6	27 th April	13 th July	4:00pm
Wednesday	Street Dance	R – 6	27 th April	13 th July	4:00pm
Thursday	Karate	1 – 6	28 th April	14 th July	4:00pm
Thursday	Ukulele	1 – 6	28 th April	14 th July	3:45pm
Friday	Bouncercise	R – 6	29 th April	15 th July	4:00pm
Friday	Dodgeball	3 – 6	29 th April	15 th July	4:00pm

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

Wymondham Wild Tribe - Family Meet-up Group

- Wymondham Wild Tribe is a group that aims to encourage new friendships, working together and encouraging time outside, open to families with children of all ages.
- Meetings are normally on Tuesday mornings at 9:30am and Wednesday afternoons at 3:30pm, visiting local outdoor places.
- If you're interested please look at their public page on Facebook 'Wymondham Wild Tribe'.

Diary Dates

New or updated events

2021-2022 Dates	
Summer Term	
Mon 9 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">8:15-8:45am Y6 BreakfastY6 SATS
Tues 10 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">8:15-8:45am Y6 BreakfastY6 SATS
Wed 11 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">8:15-8:45am Y6 BreakfastY6 SATS
Thurs 12 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">8:15-8:45am Y6 BreakfastY6 SATS

Fri 13 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y6 Trip
Fri 27 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30-11:30am Wymondham Cluster LINKS Meeting at the Bungalow, Robert Kett Primary School • 3:00/3:15pm School/Nursery close for Half Term
Mon 6 th Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30am/8:40am Nursery/School reopen
Thurs 9 th Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y1 to Banham Zoo
Wed 15 th Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y5 to Harry Potter World
Wed 22 nd Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports Day
Fri 24 th Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30-11:30am Wymondham Cluster LINKS Meeting at the Bungalow, Robert Kett Primary School • Elm visit to the River Tiffey
Wed 29 th Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports Day – Reserve
Thurs 30 th Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y4 to Royal Norfolk Show
Fri 8 th Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maple visit to the River Tiffey
Fri 22 nd Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30-11:30am Wymondham Cluster LINKS Meeting at the Bungalow, Robert Kett Primary School • 3:00/3:15pm School/Nursery close for Summer Holiday

Next Academic Year – September 2022-July 2023

<i>Thursday 1st September 2022</i>	<i>Staff INSET Day</i>
<i>Friday 2nd September</i>	<i>Staff INSET Day</i>
<i>Monday 5th September</i>	<i>Staff INSET Day</i>
<i>Tuesday 6th September</i>	<i>School reopens for Autumn Term</i>
<i>Friday 21st October</i>	<i>School closes for October half term</i>
<i>Monday 31st October</i>	<i>School reopens after half term</i>
<i>Friday 16th December</i>	<i>School closes for Christmas holidays</i>
<i>Wednesday 4th January 2023</i>	<i>School reopens for Spring Term</i>
<i>Friday 10th February</i>	<i>School closes for February half term</i>
<i>Monday 20th February</i>	<i>School reopens after half term</i>
<i>Friday 31st March</i>	<i>School closes for Easter holidays</i>
<i>Monday 17th April</i>	<i>Staff INSET Day</i>
<i>Tuesday 18th April</i>	<i>School reopens for Summer Term</i>
<i>Monday 1st May</i>	<i>School closed for Bank Holiday</i>
<i>Friday 26th May</i>	<i>School closes for half term</i>
<i>Monday 5th June</i>	<i>School reopens after half term</i>
<i>Friday 21st July</i>	<i>School closes for Summer holidays</i>
<i>Monday 24th July</i>	<i>Staff INSET Day</i>

Previous Newsletters

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