



Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery

20th May 2022

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Message from Mr. McConnell

Next week we're welcoming Jim Buchanan back to Ashleigh. Jim's going to be starting the second phase of our outdoor development. Between now and September, the area between the mound on the field, going all the way down to the reception outdoor area is going to be redeveloped into something truly amazing for the children of Ashleigh. We will be creating a space for the children to explore, play and learn in, which is going to be very special.

It's really important that all of the children are safe at school, so I need to ask for your help with this. Please don't let the children explore any of the tempting outdoor things before and after school. We're so keen for the children to be able to use our 'outdoors' but we can't let them use it if we're not supervising. It's been a joy to have the trim trail back this week but we need to make sure the children are really clear about when they can use it. This is especially important for little brothers and sisters who aren't even at Ashleigh yet.

Thank you!

This week's Golden Ticket winners are:

Ivy, Isla and lacy from Barn Owls; Mia from Deer; Serenity and Poppy from Bat; Sophia from Maple; Jack from Fox, Bradley from Sycamore; Rosalie from Willow and Ethan and Rimanyi from Birch.

A few weeks ago I opened the conversation on how we should extend the Ashleigh school day. Here are the results from the survey:

Option A 8.30-15.00 41%
Option B 8.45-3.15 44%
Option C 9.00-3.30 15%

Thank you very much to everyone who took the time to answer. What I'm taking from it is that there isn't much appetite for a later start and later finish from parents. We'll also talk to the staff, the children and the other local schools about this change before consulting on a final decision next year.

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 3 - Fabric bag request

On Monday 6th June, straight after half term, Year 3 will be looking at fabric bags and investigating how they are made. If you have any spare at home that you do not need back, please could you bring them into the school office or hand directly to a member of Year 3 staff

Sunscreen and Sun Hats

We have been enjoying lots more sunny weather just recently. Please could we ask that children have a sunhat with them everyday and sunscreen applied before they come to school. Staff are not permitted to help children with the application of sunscreen. Please could we also remind you of the following:

- We have been made aware that certain sunscreens contain nut oil.
- As the weather improves, children will be wearing sunscreen to school; please can we ask all parents/carers to check the ingredients and use an alternative.
- Given the nature of various nut allergies, we do strive to be a nut-free school.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Ashleigh Friends

Plans for the Jubilee

There's still time to submit some artwork for the Wymondham Jubilee Trail - drawings or paintings on a Royal or Jubilee theme need to be A4, with your child's name, age and school on the back - please hand them into the school office on Monday. Why not get creative over the weekend?

Ashleigh Friends will be selling trail sheets for the Wymondham Jubilee Trail outside the school office on Wednesday 25, Thursday 26 and Friday 27 May. Trail sheets are £2 each (cash only). And don't forget it's own clothes day on Friday!

We are also hoping to offer preloved uniform sales and will soon be asking for donations. More details to follow soon!

Sporting Fixtures v Robert Kett Primary School

Monday 23rd May - LKS2 (5 a side) and UKS2 (7 a side) girls' football @ Ashleigh
Wednesday 25th May - Y6 boys' football (9 a side) @ Ashleigh.

Parents/carers are invited to watch their child's match/es, we hope to see you on the touchlines!

Friday 27th May - Non-School Uniform and Platinum Jubilee Picnic

The PTA are organising a non-school uniform day on Friday 27th May. In honour of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations children are welcome to wear red, white and blue, or other suitable non-school uniform on that day. A link will be sent out from SchoolMoney for a suggested donation of £1.

To tie in with this, we will also be holding a celebration Platinum Jubilee Picnic. Details to follow in a separate email.

Sports Equipment for Schools

We are taking part in Archant's Sports Equipment for Schools campaign, please support us if you can by collecting the vouchers and sending them into school!

- 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.
- Final token Saturday 16th July.

SPORTS EQUIPMENT FOR SCHOOLS



£20,000 WORTH OF SPORTS EQUIPMENT TO BE WON

START COLLECTING TOKENS TODAY

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	Last Session	Pick-Up
Monday	Bootcamp	R – 6	11 th July	4:00pm
Monday	Musical Theatre	1 – 6	18 th July	4:00pm
Tuesday	Football (2 groups)	1 – 6	12 th July	4:00pm
Wednesday	Tennis	3 – 6	13 th July	4:00pm
Wednesday	Street Dance	R – 6	13 th July	4:00pm
Thursday	Karate	1 – 6	14 th July	4:00pm
Thursday	Ukulele	1 – 6	14 th July	3:45pm
Friday	Bouncercise	R – 6	15 th July	4:00pm
Friday	Dodgeball	3 – 6	15 th July	4:00pm

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

Diary Dates

New or updated events

<u>2021-2022 Dates</u>	
Summer Term	
Mon 23 rd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3:15pm KS2 Girls' Football Match v Robert Kett (Home)
Wed 25 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3:15pm Y6 Boys' Football Match v Robert Kett (Home)
Fri 27 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Platinum Jubilee Picnic Lunch and Non-school uniform day• 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

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

Previous Newsletters

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

