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Contact Us
John McConnell
Headteacher

Message from Mr. McConnell

- ★ It's great to be back after the half-term break! This is always a really special time of year as we settle in to our new year groups, get lots of learning done and look forward to Christmas. Next week's newsletter will have all of the dates for our Christmas celebrations in it so you can get the key dates in your diaries.
- ★ The staff here at Ashleigh are working very hard to keep improving the school. Our school development plan this year is focused on 'making the curriculum come alive' for all of the children. We know that the things we learn at school are interesting and important and we really want the children to go home bursting to tell you about the exciting lessons they have had every day. I'll be asking you all to let me know which lessons your child enjoys the most, very soon.
- ★ This week we'd really like to hear your feedback about our school meals.
 - ★ Please [click here](#) to complete the questionnaire before 9am on Friday 10th November.

Golden Ticket Winners

Golden Ticket winners

Barn Owl – Freddie and Olivia; **Deer** – Ivy R, Eden and Iona; **Fox** – Mason and Reggie; **Birch** – Serenity; **Hazel** – Noah; **Elm** – Rose; **Willow** – Eddie, Iris and Rimanyi; **Ash** – Jackson and Josh.
A huge well done to everyone!

Curriculum Information

How we share our curriculum with parents and carers

- At Ashleigh we believe it is important to keep parents and carers informed about the learning that is taking place in class. We have created documents which we hope you will find useful and have considered the best ways to share these with you.

Parent Curriculum Maps

- A Parent Curriculum Map will be sent to you and shared via Seesaw (Reception – Year 4) or Google Classroom (Year 5/6) every half term. This document summarises the learning covered within the different

subject areas. Foundational subjects (e.g. History, Art, Music etc.) are mapped across the year so may not appear on the Map every half term.

Knowledge Organisers

- Knowledge Organisers have been created for the different subject areas and share the learning in more depth. These include pre-existing knowledge from previous units taught, key outcomes and key vocabulary. These are useful documents should you wish to support your child further with their learning at home.
- Knowledge Organisers will not be sent home but can be found on the 'Year group information' page on our website under the main 'Learning' tab.
- <https://ashleighprimary.com/year-group-information/>
- If you would like a paper copy, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Year 6 Prefects

We were really impressed with the enthusiasm of our Year 6 applicants to become a Prefect this year and would like to congratulate:

Felicity, Frankie, Maisy, Ivy, Henry S, Charlie, Owen, Henry E, Jacob, Kaylen, Elliot, Jackson, Laila-Grace, Molly, Olivia, Alexis, George, Taylor, Halle, Rosie, Sophia, Jared, Theo, Freddie, Poppy, Rose, Sophie, Miya, Evie, Alexa, Phoebe, Freya, Tia, Willow, Iris, Ruby, Bethany, Niamh, Jessica, Megan, Bonnie, Lacie, Isabelle.

Poppy Appeal

Year 6 prefects will be selling Poppy Appeal items on the playground, after school, on Wednesday 8th, Thursday 9th and Friday 10th November (supply permitting). There are paper poppies, wristbands, snapband rulers and keychains available for anyone who would like to donate and support the Poppy Appeal. (Cash donations only please).

Earrings in School

Please can we remind parents/carers and children that only **stud earrings** should be worn in school, thank you for your cooperation.

Ashleigh Friends

- **Today is the last day to order your Christmas cards.** If you haven't done so already, please scan the QR code on the card proof that was sent home to order your personalised cards. Thank you to everyone who has ordered items so far; we've had lots of feedback about this and we know some children missed out this year so we're already working out how we can improve this for next year.
- **Advent calendar raffle** - don't forget to buy your advent calendar raffle tickets through the schoolmoney app, to be in with your chance of

winning a Lego Marvel, Playmobil, Smiggle or Hotel Chocolat calendar. Just select the draw you want to enter, select how many tickets you want to buy (tickets are £1 each) and then pay! Ticket sales will end on Friday 10th November and the draw will be on Tuesday 14th November.

- **Christmas Fayre** - just one month to go now until our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 2nd December, 10-2pm. Please sign up if you are able to help on the day: <https://forms.office.com/r/Rhn3u8xnS9>
- Christmas Fayre donations - we are asking for the following donations:
 - Nursery, Reception, yr1 and yr2: Chocolate for our chocolate tombola.
 - Yr3, yr4, yr5 and yr6: Items that we can use to make hampers, e.g. bottles, toiletries, biscuits, crisps, Christmas items, crackers...
- Please can all items (nut free please) be handed into the school office by Friday 24th November.

Cross-Country Event

On Wednesday this week, a group of 24 Key Stage 2 children took part in the school Cross-Country event at Langley in Loddon. The weather was cold and rainy but this did not deter our fantastic runners. They all showed great enthusiasm, resilience and determination. As a result, Ashleigh Primary finished in 3rd place out of 24 schools that participated. This was an extraordinary achievement and we are incredibly proud of them all. Well done!



Talk Homework

This week's questions are:

Reception	Understanding the World: People Culture & Communities What different things do you celebrate and how?
Year 1	Maths Can you count and match numbers and quantity up to 20?
Year 2	History Why do we remember Guy Fawkes?

	What was he trying to achieve? What date was he arrested?
Year 3	Science What different forces can you name?
Year 4	Computing What three components would you need in an electrical circuit to light a bulb?
Year 5	English What are adverts? How can you make an advert persuasive?
Year 6	History How many Allied and Axis countries can you name from World War 2? What is an Axis controlled country?

Road Safety

We emailed a Road Safety Guide for Parents on Tuesday 19th September which has lots of useful information, including:

Key messages for Toddlers:

- Difference between footpath and the road;
- How to walk with a grown-up who they know and hold hands near the road;
- Introduce Stop, Look, Listen and Think;
- Introduce safer crossing places;
- Be bright be seen.

Key messages for Children Aged 5-7:

- How pedestrians walk safely on the pavement and vehicles use the road;
- How to walk with an adult who they know and hold hands when walking near the road;
- Safer crossing places and how to use them;
- The Stop, Look, Listen and THINK sequence;
- How pedestrians walk on the pavement and vehicles travel on the road;
- Places where it is not safe to cross the road;

Key messages for Children aged 7-11:

- The Green Cross Code and how to put it into practice, recognising safe crossing places on the road;
- Road signs and pedestrian crossings;
- The Highway Code and the rules of the road.

Reception to Year 6 - Flu Vaccinations Consent

- To give consent for your child to have the flu vaccine, please click [here](#)
- Even if you do not wish for your child to have the vaccine, please complete the online form so that the Team can record your wishes.

Thank you.

Diary Dates New or updated events

2023-2024	
Fri 3 rd Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.15pm Year 5 Boys' Football v Avenues (Away)
Mon 6 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Years 5 & 6 Girls' Football Match v Colman (rescheduled date)
Tues 7 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:15pm, 5:15pm; 6:15pm Reception Tours for September 2024
Thurs 16 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reception NCMP
Tues 21 st Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School & Nursery Sibling Photos
Sat 2 nd Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ashleigh Christmas Fayre 10am-2pm
Mon 4 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Reception Performance Dress Rehearsal
Tues 5 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Reception Performance – DVD Filming
Wed 6 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Reception Performance 2:00pm Reception Performance
Thurs 7 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Year 1 Performance 2:30pm Year 1 Performance
Fri 8 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> p.m. Year 2 Abbey Performance (timings to follow)
Mon 11 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reception to Year 6 Flu Vaccinations
Wed 13 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School & Nursery Christmas Lunch
Tues 19 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:15pm Year 1 African Drumming Performance
Wed 20 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day of Autumn Term: School & Nursery close at 3pm and 3:15pm for Christmas holiday
Thurs 4 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First day of Spring Term: School & Nursery reopen after Christmas holiday
Fri 16 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School & Nursery close at 3pm and 3:15pm for half term
Mon 26 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School & Nursery reopen after half term
Wed 27 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School & Nursery close at 3pm and 3:15pm for Easter holiday
Thurs 28 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> INSET Day
Mon 15 th Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First day of Summer Term: School & Nursery reopen
Mon 6 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School & Nursery closed for Bank Holiday
Tues 7 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reception Vision & Hearing Screening
Fri 24 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School & Nursery close at 3pm and 3:15pm for half term
Mon 3 rd Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School & Nursery reopen after half term
Fri 21 st Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 trip to Harry Potter World Warner Bros. Studio
Sat 22 nd Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Save the Date! Ashleigh Colour Run – Details to follow
Thurs 11 th Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 6 to Crucial Crew at City College
Fri 19 th Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day of term: School & Nursery close at 3pm and 3:15pm for Summer holiday

[Free School Meals Application](#)

To check if you are eligible for **free school meals** (Reception through to Year 6) please click [here](#).

Community Events

Steps Community Food Store

- 9.15am–10.45am every Tuesday
- 2:00–4:00pm every Thursday
- The Hub, Ayton Road, Wymondham, NR18 0QJ. Tel: 07709 786618
E:info@hubproject.org.uk



Norfolk County Council 2023-2024

Norfolk Model Calendar

This calendar applies to community schools, community special schools, VC schools and nursery schools and sets the days on which school transport will be provided. While most Foundation, VA, foundation special, free schools and academy trusts who are able to set their own dates, adopt the Norfolk Model, we advise you to check with your child's school before making holiday or other commitments.

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