



# Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery

4<sup>th</sup> November  
2022

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## Message from Mr. McConnell

One of the best things about being the Head of Ashleigh is being able to walk around the whole school and see how brilliant it is from Nursery to Year 6. I've been showing other headteachers our amazing school this week and it has made me so proud to see how hard the staff and the children have been working to make the magic happen. There are going to be lots of opportunities for you to come in and see the school over the next few months – we're looking forward to welcoming you!

## Golden Ticket Winners

A massive well done to all the golden ticket winners this week!

Alfie and Toby – Bat; Ella and Elodie – Barn Owl; Sid – Deer; Eliza, Henry and Henley – Birch; Tilly – Hazel; Jack – Maple; Maximillian and Molly – Mulberry; Jacob – Willow; Darcie and Joshua – Ash

## Pupil Asset Parent Portal

- All parents/carers should have received a link to access the Pupil Asset Parent Portal. This will allow you to update your contact details, and a notification of any changes will be sent to the school.
- If you have not received the link, or have had any problems accessing the portal, please contact the school office who will be happy to help.
- Reception and Year 1 parents will be able to book a Phonics event (30 spaces) taking place on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 9am.

## Flu Immunisation Spray - Reception to Year 6

- If you gave consent for your child to receive the flu immunisation spray in school and they were present on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November, your child should have received the vaccine.
- The Vaccination Team will be revisiting Ashleigh (date to be advised) to immunise any children absent on 1<sup>st</sup> November.
- As soon as we know the new date we will let parents/carers know. The Vaccination Team did ask that all parents follow the link to confirm whether or not you consent for your child to be vaccinated, or they will make contact direct.

## Year 1 & 2 Phonics

This week in phonics we have been recapping sounds and practising speedy reading. Children will be starting new groups on Monday so they will receive their new books by the end of next week. They will still have the books from before half term, plus their library book. Please keep practising the words and sounds in the phonics books to help your child increase their fluency which will really support them to make progress in Read Write Inc. Phonics.

## NEW - Weekly Talking Homework

- At the beginning of this year, we started to send home Knowledge Organisers so that parents could see in detail the different areas of the curriculum their children will be covering. Since then, we have enjoyed seeing the confidence of our children grow in so many areas and want to do everything we can to get them talking about their learning even more!
- To help with this we want to share our weekly 'Talk Homework' questions.
- This is not a piece of homework your children can do alone! Homework of this kind involves discussion only. These questions have been designed by your child's class teacher to get them thinking about something which they have recently covered or something that will be coming next.

### **We think it is important because it will give your child a chance to:**

- *Help them think through and discuss initial ideas in order to develop the thought process;*
- *Develop their opinions on certain topics;*
- *Share your own opinion and how it is fine to have different views or opinions;*
- *Develop their vocabulary through the use of "ambitious" vocabulary.*

### **Some hints for parents taking part in a talking homework conversation:**

- *Encourage as many family members as possible to be involved in the Talk Homework;*
- *Make it an enjoyable activity;*
- *Switch off the television to try to ensure that this is dedicated talking and listening time;*
- *Use the 'because' word to explain why they might have a different idea;*
- *Encourage thinking about exciting words to use to make their writing more interesting;*
- *Begin a conversation by modelling... "I think that... because"*

### **This week's questions are:**

<b>Reception</b>	<b>Understanding the World- People Culture &amp; Communities</b> What different things do you celebrate and how?
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>DT</b> What is the best material to use to make a puppet?
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>History</b> Why do we remember Guy Fawkes? What was he trying to achieve? What date was he arrested?
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Science</b> What different forces can you name?
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Computing</b> What three components would you need in an electrical circuit to light a bulb?
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>English</b> What are adverts? How can you make an advert persuasive?
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>History</b> How many Allied and Axis countries can you name from World War 2? What is an Axis controlled country?

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## Ashleigh School Tours - Book for 9<sup>th</sup> November

We would love to share with parents/carers the changes we've been making to Ashleigh over the past few months! We're really excited about the fantastic facilities for the children so please come and join us on a tour.

Tours will begin at the following times: 9:30am; 11:00am and 1:30pm

To attend, please [click here](#) .

We look forward to seeing you then!

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## Staff News

- We're sorry to say goodbye today to our MSA, Mrs Caddy, who has been a great member of the Ashleigh team. We wish her all the best for the future.
  - Mr Treglown joined us this week as our Premises Manager, we're very happy to welcome him to Ashleigh!
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## Ashleigh Friends

Our Christmas advent calendar raffle is now live!

There are four luxury advent calendars that you can buy tickets for:

- Harry Potter Lego;
- Smiggle;
- Playmobil;
- Hotel Chocolat.

Tickets are £1 each and you can buy up to 10 tickets per child per advent calendar. Payment is via the school money app. To buy a ticket, click on "payment". It will show you all four calendar raffles. To buy a ticket, click on the down arrow underneath the calendar you want to win, then type in how much you wish to spend.

It will default to £10, but you can change this to a different value: £1 = one ticket in the draw.

You can enter all four raffles if you like, but remember - you've got to be in it to win it!

The winning tickets will be drawn w/c 14 November and we will get the calendars to the lucky winners that week.

If you need any help please ask the office or drop us an email at [ashleighfriendspta@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ashleighfriendspta@hotmail.co.uk)

### **Christmas Fayre, Saturday 3 December, 11-2**

The plans for our Christmas fayre are going really well, but we're still very keen to hear from people who can spare an hour on the day to help with running a stall or game. We'll soon be sharing other ways that you and your family can support the fayre, but please do get in touch if you might be able to help. And all volunteers will receive a free hot drink! We'd love to hear from you via:

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## Cross-Country Event - 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2022

Well done to everyone who took part in the cross-country event on Wednesday, Ashleigh came third out of 25 participating schools, we are very proud of our runners!

### **Community Opportunities:**

- Junior Parkrun takes place every Sunday morning and across Norfolk we have 6 different venues they are; Gorleston, Lea Bridges, Eaton Park, Breckland Leisure

Centre Blickling Hall and Kings Lynn. For further Park Run information [junior events](#) | [parkrun UK](#)

- Club Opportunities- Pupils can access high quality training in all aspects of athletics from clubs across the county. Affiliated clubs vary in size, approach, and what disciplines they cover. Visit their websites to find out more. [Athletics Clubs in Norfolk](#) | [Athletics Norfolk](#)

## LINKS Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> November

Do you have a child or children with SEN or behavioural needs? Do you need support and advice from someone who has been through the same things? Do you just need someone to chat to?



If you have any questions or queries, email Micha Butler: [psa@robertkett.net](mailto:psa@robertkett.net)

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Come join us for a chat, a listening ear, to share your expertise and to connect with other parents.



### Parent and Carer Support Group

Join us on the last Friday of the month, from 9.30 - 11.30  
at Robert Kett Primary School

Next Meeting: 25th November 2022

## After School Clubs

- Please inform the office if your child will not be attending an after-school club.
- All clubs finish at 4pm, collection is from outside the school office.

Day	Club	Finishes on
<b>Monday</b>	Boot Camp	5 <sup>th</sup> Dec
	Musical Theatre	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Football	6 <sup>th</sup> Dec
<b>Wednesday</b>	Street Dance	7 <sup>th</sup> Dec
	Tennis	
<b>Thursday</b>	Karate	8 <sup>th</sup> Dec
<b>Friday</b>	Dodgeball	9 <sup>th</sup> Dec
	Bouncercise Kids	

## Diary Dates

**New or updated events**

<u>2022-2023 Dates</u>	
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a.m. <b>Year 6</b> Swimming</li> <li>• Ashleigh Open Day for current parents/carers; tours at 9:30am, 11:00am and 1:30pm.</li> <li>• 4:15pm Reception 2023 Prospective Parents' Tour</li> <li>• 5:15pm Reception 2023 Prospective Parents' Tour</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:15pm Reception 2023 Prospective Parents' Tour</li> </ul>
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a.m. <b>Year 6</b> Swimming</li> </ul>
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3:30pm <b>Year 5 &amp; 6 Girls' Football</b> v Norwich High School for Girls (Away) – Originally 10<sup>th</sup> Nov</li> </ul>
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children in Need</li> </ul>
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Reception</b> Height &amp; Weight Measurement</li> </ul>
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sibling Photos</li> <li>3:30pm <b>Year 5 &amp; 6 Girls' Football</b> v Robert Kett (Away)</li> </ul>
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a.m. <b>Year 6</b> Swimming</li> </ul>
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a.m. <b>Year 6</b> Swimming</li> </ul>
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11am-2pm Ashleigh Friends Christmas Fair</li> </ul>
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a.m. <b>Year 6</b> Swimming</li> <li>9:30am and 2:00pm <b>Reception</b> Nativity</li> </ul>
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:45pm <b>Year 2</b> Performance at Wymondham Abbey</li> </ul>
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2:40pm <b>Year 6</b> Carols</li> </ul>
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2:40pm <b>Year 5</b> Carols</li> </ul>
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a.m. <b>Year 6</b> Swimming</li> <li>Christmas Lunch &amp; Festive Clothes</li> <li>2:40pm <b>Year 4</b> Carols</li> </ul>
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2:40pm <b>Year 3</b> Carols</li> </ul>
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School closes for Christmas holidays</li> </ul>
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School reopens for Spring Term</li> </ul>
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School closes for February half term</li> </ul>
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School reopens after half term</li> </ul>
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Red Nose Day</li> </ul>
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School closes for Easter holidays</li> </ul>
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff INSET Day</li> </ul>
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School reopens for Summer Term</li> </ul>
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School closed for Bank Holiday</li> </ul>
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School closes for half term</li> </ul>
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School reopens after half term</li> </ul>
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School closes for Summer holidays</li> </ul>
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff INSET Day</li> </ul>

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