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Message from Mr. McConnell

- ★ Congratulations to everyone who won an attendance prize today! We did an extra prize draw for the children who attended every day last half term and so some of them have an extra prize to take home!
- ★ The weather looks like it's turning from miserable and mild to miserable and cold next week. Please make sure your child has a coat in school so we can all go outside to play.
Have a lovely weekend!

School Dinner Survey Feedback

Many thanks for your feedback around the school lunches. We really value what you and the children tell us. The main feedback was that the lack of school packed lunches was disappointing to lots of the parents who responded. Another frequent response was that there wasn't enough choice. We will have a think about what we can do about this. It's important to explain that having more options would make lunches more expensive and that even though we've all seen the price of everything go up and up and up over the last few years, an Ashleigh school dinner has only gone up by 15p since the pandemic. It's also worth saying that the quality has definitely improved since September and not by a little but by quite a lot.

We've also listened to your feedback about Year 6 lunches. We've addressed the problem of certain menu items running out by the end of lunchtime and the problem of Year 6 not having enough time by placing an extra member of staff at the serving hatch. This has stopped children in Years 3, 4 and 5 from forgetting what they'd ordered and picking up the wrong meal.

We'll repeat the survey in the Spring.

Children in Need - Friday 17th November

To support Children in Need this year, we will be having a non-school uniform day. Suggested donation is £1 and can be paid via SchoolMoney. Children can come in non-school uniform, school-appropriate clothes, something spotty if they have it!



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Golden Ticket Winners

Golden Ticket winners

Bat – Penny, Niles and Thomas; **Deer** – Freddie, Millie, Maddie and Jack; **Birch** – Elliot, Ralph and Maddie; **Elm** – Bella and Elias; **Maple** – Henley; **Mulberry** – Theo; **Willow** – Freddie and Jake; **Ash** – Frankie.

Autumn 1 100% Attendance winners

Squirrel – Layla; **Bat** – Henry and Jack; **Fox** – Olley and Tobias; **Birch** – Anthony; **Hazel** – Laurence; **Maple** – Frankie, William W and Neve; **Elm** – Chimene; **Mulberry** – Sophia; **Ash** – Halle and Elliot; **Sycamore** – Phoebe, Preston and Jacob S.

A huge well done to everyone!

Years 3 - 6 Christmas Carols

We're delighted to invite parents/carers to join their children in Years 3 to 6 for Christmas carols at **2:30pm, in the school hall** (access will be via the office), on the following days:

Monday 11 th December	Year 6
Tuesday 12 th December	Year 4
Wednesday 13 th December	Year 5
Thursday 14 th December	Year 3

Attendance

- If you have any concerns or questions about whether your child should be in school, please contact the office who will be happy to answer your question, or direct it to another member of staff who can help.
- Please bear in mind that every day at school really does count, for a multitude of reasons and we want your child to have the best possible experience to prepare them for life after Ashleigh.

Thank you.



Whats App/Online Safety

- We have been made aware by various parents of messages that are being exchanged on WhatsApp groups. We regularly remind children of the need to stay safe online, and be kind in all their communication and interaction with others.
- Please read the attached Online Safety Newsletter sent out in January regarding WhatsApp age limits (16+) and how the app works.
- All Online Safety Newsletters are available to read at <https://ashleighprimary.com/internet-safety/online-safety/>
- Please read the below extract from the Online Safety Newsletter from April with regards to encouraging children to be kind online.

Being unkind online

It can be very easy online for children to behave in a way that they wouldn't if they were face to face with each other.

Talk to your child about how they speak to others online and encourage them to talk to people online with respect and kindness, like they would

if they were face-to-face. How they act online should be how they behave on the school playground when they are following school rules. Here are some examples of what being unkind looks like online:



- Sending nasty or hurtful messages
- Leaving unkind comments
- Sharing photographs of somebody else without their permission
- Excluding somebody on purpose
- Impersonating somebody with a fake account
- Telling/sharing lies

The above might happen whilst your child is gaming online or whilst using social media or messaging apps e.g. WhatsApp.

Ashleigh Friends

- Thank you to everyone who ordered Christmas cards and gifts. They are being delivered in batches over the next couple of weeks and will be sent home as and when they arrive, so please don't panic if you don't receive yours immediately.
- **Christmas Fayre** - Don't forget to sign up to help for Christmas fayre: <https://forms.office.com/r/Rhn3u8xnS9>
And please keep the donations of chocolate and hamper gifts coming!

Raffle Ticket Sales

- **Advent calendar raffle** - 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.

Please remember:

- These raffles are entirely voluntary and there is no expectation that families buy tickets. One of the four raffle reminders was sent out yesterday with the standard wording referring to an outstanding payment, for which we apologise.
- The way SchoolMoney works means that to set up the payment we have to put in the maximum amount payable. To be able to purchase any number of tickets between 1 and 10, the amount has to be set to £10 and overtyped by parents/carers.

Tingle Tangle

- Please can we remind parents/carers that children should not be playing on the Tingle Tangle before or after school.
- The Tingle Tangle is for use during the school day, with staff supervision.

Thank you.

Talk Homework

This week's questions are:

Reception	Understanding the World: Past and Present Who and what keep you safe when you are at home? At school? Out and about? When online?
Year 1	English When do you use capital letters? When do you use a full stop? Can you explain what each one does.
Year 2	History Who was the ringleader of The Gunpowder Plot? Can you explain The Gunpowder Plot?
Year 3	Geography What makes Wymondham special? Can you name different services and landmarks in Wymondham?
Year 4	Science Name a conductor of electricity?
Year 5	RE Who is Brahma? Are there any other gods in Hinduism?
Year 6	Science Which of your personal characteristics do you think are inherited? And which do you think are a result of your environment?

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	
Mon 13 th Nov	• Year 6 Assessments
Tues 14 th Nov	• Year 6 Assessments
Thurs 16 th Nov	• Reception NCMP
Fri 17 th Nov	• Children in Need – Non-school uniform
Mon 20 th Nov	• Year 6 Assessments
Tues 21 st Nov	• School & Nursery Sibling Photos
Thurs 23 rd Nov	• Year 6 Assessments
Sat 2 nd Dec	• Ashleigh Christmas Fayre 10am-2pm
Mon 4 th Dec	• 9am Reception Performance Dress Rehearsal
Tues 5 th Dec	• 9am Reception Performance – DVD Filming
Wed 6 th Dec	• 9:30am Reception Performance • 2:00pm Reception Performance
Thurs 7 th Dec	• 9:30am Year 1 Performance • 2:30pm Year 1 Performance
Fri 8 th Dec	• p.m. Year 2 Abbey Performance (timings to follow)
Mon 11 th Dec	• Reception to Year 6 Flu Vaccinations • 2:30pm Year 6 Christmas Carols
Tues 12 th Dec	• 2:30pm Year 4 Christmas Carols
Wed 13 th Dec	• School & Nursery Christmas Lunch • 2:30pm Year 5 Christmas Carols
Thurs 14 th Dec	• 2:30pm Year 3 Christmas Carols
Mon 18 th Dec	• Year 5 to visit Wymondham Dementia Support Group
Tues 19 th Dec	• 2:15pm Year 1 African Drumming Performance
Wed 20 th Dec	• Last day of Autumn Term: School & Nursery close at 3pm and 3:15pm for Christmas holiday
Thurs 4 th Jan	• First day of Spring Term: School & Nursery reopen after Christmas holiday
Mon 8 th Jan	• 4:15pm and 5:15pm Reception Tours for parents of children starting school in September 2024.
Mon 29 th Jan	• Year 6 Assessments
Tues 30 th Jan	• Year 6 Assessments
Wed 31 st Jan	• Year 6 Assessments
Thurs 1 st Feb	• Year 6 Assessments

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
Mon 11 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Mocks
Tues 12 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Mocks
Wed 13 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Mocks
Thurs 14 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Mocks
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
Mon 13 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 SATs
Tues 14 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 SATs
Wed 15 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 SATs
Thurs 16 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 SATs
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



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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