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Message from Mr. McConnell

We've had a really positive week and are delighted to have started work on the Ashleigh Podcast which we are looking forward to sharing with you soon. Next week sees the launch of our Parent Workshops, we hope to see many of you at the different workshops over the next few weeks!

Golden Ticket Winners

Golden Ticket Raffle Winners

Squirrel – Esme and Nina; **Bat** – Emily; **Deer** – Daniel;
Fox – George M; **Birch** – Maddison; **Elm** – Bella and Elias;
Maple – Declan; **Mulberry** – Mason and Harry; **Willow** – Zach;
Ash – Kaylen; **Sycamore** – Rose and Willow.

A huge well done to everyone!

How we share your child's learning with you

- Please remember to visit our Year group information page on our website for information on your child's learning. This is updated every half term with new parent maps and knowledge organisers.
<https://ashleighprimary.com/year-group-information/>
- Parent Maps summarise the learning covered in the different subject areas. It is important to note foundation subjects are mapped across the year so they may not be covered every half term.
- Knowledge Organisers (KOs) share the learning in more depth; they include pre-existing knowledge from previous units taught, key outcomes and key vocabulary. These are useful documents to use should you wish to support your child further with their learning at home.

Parent Survey

- We would be really grateful if you could spare a couple of minutes to complete this [School Survey](#)
- Parent feedback is important to us and we try to incorporate it, wherever possible, into our current and future plans to make Ashleigh a happy and safe environment for all children.
- **Please complete the survey by 9am on Monday 22nd January.**
- Thank you for your continued support, it's much appreciated!

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Parent Information Sessions

We will be holding parent information sessions in the Spring term. The purpose of these meetings is to give you the chance to learn more about different aspects of what we do at school.

SEND Workshop invites were sent out this week, and the others will follow nearer to their dates.

Date	Time	Workshop Name	Workshop Audience
17 th January	9:15-10:15	SEND	Parents of children on the SEND register
24 th January	9:15-10:15	SEND	Parents of children on the SEND register
31 st January	9:15-10:15	Phonics 1 - New to Phonics	EYFS parents
7 th February	9:15-10:15	Phonics 2 - From pure sounds to blending	EYFS parents
14 th February	9:15-10:15	Phonics 3 - Storybook phonics	EYFS/Year 1 parents
28 th February	9:15-10:15	Times Tables	Year 4 parents
6 th March	9:15-10:15	Times Tables	Year 4 parents
13 th March	9:15-10:15	E-Safety/ Social Media	Years 4, 5 and 6 parents

Why is School Attendance Important?

Research has shown that children with good attendance are more than twice as likely to pass their English and Maths GCSEs compared to those whose attendance is below 90%. However if your child's attendance starts to slip the negative affect might increase because;

- It is hard for children to catch up on work missed. This quickly affects their learning and leaves gaps in their understanding.
- It gets in the way of building strong, positive friendships.
- It affects exam results and this means they have less choice about further education and careers.
- They miss out on the structure and routines of school which are important practice for adult life.
- They're likely to be less active and not get into healthy habits important for physical and mental wellbeing.

There is lots of useful information you can find at:

<https://justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/attendance>

Bad Weather

In icy conditions please keep to the gritted pathways around school.

Talk Homework

This week's questions are:

Reception	Understanding the World – The Natural World What signs of Winter do you notice on your way to school? How are they different to the signs of Autumn?
Year 1	Art What is art? What are some of the different types of art?
Year 2	Art What is a landscape?
Year 3	Science Can you name 4 different sources of light?
Year 4	Art Can you name at least 3 artists who drew or painted life still art?
Year 5	Geography How are mountains formed? Can they move?
Year 6	Science Can you describe the different parts of the human circulatory system?

Advert for Caretaker

- **Permanent position**
- **Part time: 27.5 hours per week, Monday to Friday (8:00am-1:30pm) from 1st February 2024**
(there is a possibility that this may increase to 32.5 hours per week in the future which would include a 6:30am start)
- **Term Time plus 4 weeks**
- **Salary: £15,948.66 pro-rata, Scale C (£11.98 per hour)**
- This is an exciting opportunity for someone flexible, enthusiastic, and energetic who takes a pride in their work to join our friendly and hardworking team as our Caretaker.
- You will be responsible for maintaining the school's high standards of cleanliness and organisation. We are looking for a team player who is also happy to be a lone worker. You will work under our Premises Manager and have cleaning, maintenance and health and safety responsibilities delegated to you. The position will include supporting the lunchtime supervisory team.
- Application forms are available from the school office or click [here](#)

Advert for Midday Supervisory Assistant

- **Salary: £11.59 per hour;**
- **Monday to Friday:** 1 hour twenty minutes per day
(11:55am-1:15pm);
- **Term time only.**

- We are looking for a Midday Supervisory Assistant to join our friendly, enthusiastic team;
- Duties include supervision of children within school, in outdoor areas and leading play and games;
- You will need to have a calm and caring manner and enjoy working with children. Being friendly, approachable and able to develop positive and constructive relationships with children and staff is essential. You will receive training as required.
- Application forms are available from the school office or click [here](#)

Ashleigh Friends

- We're starting 2024 with some great news - the commission from the personalised Christmas card sales raised over £600 for the PTA and the school! Thank you to everyone who bought cards and items; we're hoping to do it again this year.
- We have a PTA meeting on Tuesday 23 January at 7.30pm at the school. Everyone is welcome, even if you just fancy a chat with some other parents in the school - the PTA really is a great way to get to know other families.
Please get in touch at ashleighfriendspta@hotmail.co.uk if you're interested in coming so that we can make sure we have enough biscuits 😊.

Treehouse Notice Period

Just a reminder of the Treehouse notice period, as detailed in the Treehouse application pack:

- By booking specific sessions, you are reserving the right for your child to retain that particular session for the whole of that half term. We will therefore require payment for the whole amount, regardless of whether or not your child attends.
- If you wish to make any alterations to any sessions, you must tell us of those changes in writing, **giving paid notice of 4 weeks**.
- It is assumed that, unless we receive a letter of cancellation, you still wish to continue with your agreed session/s at Ashleigh Tree House, and you will be invoiced as normal at the beginning of each half term.

Diary Dates New or updated events

2023-2024	
Wed 17 th Jan	• 9:15-10:15am SEND Workshop
Mon 22 nd Jan	• Year 6 Assessments
Tues 23 rd Jan	• Year 6 Assessments • 7:30-9:30pm Ashleigh Friends PTA Meeting
Wed 24 th Jan	• 9:15-10:15am SEND Workshop
Thurs 25 th Jan	• Year 6 Assessments
Fri 26 th Jan	• Year 6 Assessments
Wed 31 st Jan	• 9:15-10:15am Phonics Workshop
Wed 7 th Feb	• 9:15-10:15am Phonics Workshop
Tues 13 th Feb	• Dental Screening – Reception to Year 6
Wed 14 th Feb	• 9:15-10:15am Phonics Workshop

Thurs 15 th Feb	• Year 2 to High Lodge
Fri 16 th Feb	• School & Nursery close at 3pm and 3:15pm for half term
Mon 26 th Feb	• School & Nursery reopen after half term
Wed 28 th Feb	• 9:15-10:15am Times Table Workshop
Wed 6 th Mar	• 9:15-10:15am Times Tables
Mon 11 th Mar	• Year 6 Mocks
Tues 12 th Mar	• Year 6 Mocks
Wed 13 th Mar	• Year 6 Mocks • 9:15-10:15am E-Safety/Social Media Workshop
Thurs 14 th Mar	• Year 6 Mocks
Wed 27 th Mar	• Non-School Uniform Day – supporting Shelter • School & Nursery close at 3pm and 3:15pm for Easter holiday
Thurs 28 th Mar	• INSET Day
Mon 15 th Apr	• First day of Summer Term: School & Nursery reopen
Thurs 25 th Apr	• Year 5 theatre trip
Mon 6 th May	• School & Nursery closed for Bank Holiday
Tues 7 th May	• Reception Vision & Hearing Screening
Mon 13 th May	• Year 6 SATs
Tues 14 th May	• Year 6 SATs
Wed 15 th May	• Year 6 SATs
Thurs 16 th May	• Year 6 SATs
Fri 24 th May	• School & Nursery close at 3pm and 3:15pm for half term
Mon 3 rd Jun	• School & Nursery reopen after half term
Fri 21 st Jun	• Year 5 trip to Harry Potter World Warner Bros. Studio
Thurs 11 th Jul	• a.m. Year 6 to Crucial Crew at City College
Fri 19 th Jul	• Non-School Uniform Day – supporting Unicef • 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: The Hub, Ayton Road, NR18 0QJ

- 9.15am–10.45am every Tuesday
- 2:00-4:00pm every Thursday

Winter Warm and Well Offer from Norfolk Libraries

All libraries are providing:

- **Free hot water bottles and blankets**, available for anyone in need and no questions asked

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- **Free toiletries bag** containing deodorant, shampoo, body wash and toothpaste. (Adults and children's toothbrushes are available to help yourself to, or ask a member of staff)
 - **Free 'Tricky Period To Go' bag**. (Sustainable items are available while stocks last, including period cups, washable pads and period pants)
 - **Free slow cooker courses** in partnership with Adult Learning (available at selected libraries). To help you continue with your new-found skills there will also be an opportunity to take a slow cooker, bag of utensils and cookbook home on course completion.) [For course details visit our Adult learning page](#)

Free hot drinks are also available - please ask staff for times or [visit our What's On page](#).

[Find further support via our Help with living costs pages](#).



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