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Message from Mr. McConnell

We are fully festive at Ashleigh after two weeks of fantastic performances from our wonderful children. We've also had a lovely Christmas lunch together, thank you to all the staff, our MSAs and kitchen staff for their amazing efforts on the day, and enjoyed the exciting build up to the holidays.

Thanks to everyone who was able to come to see the children and look at their books – we are all very proud of them!

The government published their performance tables yesterday so we're also celebrating a wonderful achievement by last year's Year 6:

<https://bitly.ws/368Kz>

<https://bitly.ws/368Lw>

Ashleigh's SATs results at the higher standard are the best in Norfolk (and 66th best out of the 22,000 primary schools in England). A huge thank you to everyone for the hard work that makes these results possible.

See you next week for the last 3 days of term!

Golden Ticket Raffle Winners

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Barn Owl – Jacob R; **Deer** – Eden; **Fox** – Evie and Connie;

Elm – George and Logan; **Maple** – James and Declan;

Willow – Zach; **Ash** – Jackson, Maisy and Charlie;

Sycamore – Poppy, Theo H and Willow.

A huge well done to everyone!

SEND Update

Mr Walker will be our Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities Coordinator from January 2024.

Keep an eye out for next week's Newsletter for opportunities to find out more about SEND at Ashleigh.

Governor Vacancy - Curriculum

Would you be interested in becoming a Governor of Ashleigh Primary School & Nursery in Wymondham? Have you ever considered it? We are looking for an individual interested in focusing on curriculum to join our lively and dynamic Governing Board.

The 3 core functions of a Governing Board are:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction for Ashleigh;
- Holding executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the effective and efficient performance management of staff; and
- Overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure it's money well spent.

Essentially, what this means is that as Governors we act as "critical friends" to the school leadership team and provide challenge and support from the different perspectives and backgrounds that we all have. The role is a strategic one rather than operational.

We meet twice a term for a meeting that we try our best to keep to two hours and in between those meetings there would be some work involved in reading reports and papers for the upcoming meeting and carrying out monitoring activities. If you were interested we would introduce you at a pace to suit yourself. No prior experience in education is required just a willingness to contribute to the ongoing successes of Ashleigh.

If you are interested or would like to find out more information (no obligation) please contact the school office.

Sam Greenhalgh
Chair of Governors

Flu Vaccinations

The Vaccination Team visited Ashleigh on Monday 11th December. **The Team will not be returning to Ashleigh so if your child was absent, or missed the vaccination for any reason, the Vaccination Team will be providing a link to enable parents/carers to rebook a vaccination at various flu clinics.**

We will share the link as soon as we receive it.

Charity Support

- Last week Ashleigh School Council voted on charities the children would like to support in school.
- GOSH won the vote so all proceeds raised from our Christmas Jumper day will go to GOSH, thank you to everyone who has donated!

- We will be having end of term non-school uniform days, to support Shelter on 27th March 2024, and Unicef on Friday 19th July 2024.
- As always, this fund raising is voluntary and there is no expectation that parents/carers donate.

Ashleigh Friends

- ★ We hope you're all looking forward to Christmas! Don't forget if you're shopping online if you use Easy Fundraising, Ashleigh Friends receives a percentage of the sale at no extra cost to you - AND there's an app which makes it even easier! Check out <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ashleigh-friends/> for more information.

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
- **Free toiletries bag** containing deodorant, shampoo, bodywash 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](#).

Diary Dates New or updated events

| 2023-2024 | |
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| Mon 18 th Dec | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group of Year 5 to visit Wymondham Dementia Support Group • 9:15-10:15am Reception Christmas Family Crafts |
| Tues 19 th Dec | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:15-10:15am Reception Christmas Family Crafts • 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 |
| Christmas Holidays | |
| Thurs 4 th Jan 2024 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First day of Spring Term: School & Nursery reopen after Christmas holiday |
| Mon 8 th Jan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4:15pm and 5:15pm Reception Tours for parents of children starting school in September 2024. |

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| 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 |
| Tues 13 th Feb | • Dental Screening – Reception to Year 6 |
| 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 |
| Mon 11 th Mar | • Year 6 Mocks |
| Tues 12 th Mar | • Year 6 Mocks |
| Wed 13 th Mar | • Year 6 Mocks |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| Sat 22 nd Jun | • Save the Date! Details to follow |
| 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](#).

Payment amounts would be:-

| Month | Per Child |
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| December | £45 |
| January | £15 |
| February | £15 |
| March | £15 |

Community Events

Steps Community Food Store: The Hub, Ayton Road, NR18 0QJ

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



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