



Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery

20th January 2023

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Message from Mr. McConnell

Happy Friday to you all! Next week promises to be warmer and lighter and I'm already feeling like we've got a great year ahead of us, especially now the coldest, darkest bit is behind us!

One thing that may well be playing on people's minds is the forthcoming strikes by members of the National Education Union. The dates of these proposed strikes are in the Newsletter. I'm not sure yet how much the strikes are going to impact us at Ashleigh; some schools will have to close for those days, some will be 'business as usual' and some will fall somewhere in between.

Strikes are not easy for schools – they don't happen very often, they often lead to disagreement and they can cause upset. We have a tremendously committed and skilled staff team at Ashleigh and my big mission when it comes to the strikes is to make sure that whatever they choose to do on those days, they know that I recognise their commitment and my main focus is on making Ashleigh an amazing place to come to school for years to come, as part of this brilliant team.

I'll let you know next week when I have more information about how Wednesday 1st February will look at Ashleigh.

Strike Dates

As you will be aware the National Education Union (NEU) has recently conducted a ballot of its members who are teachers in England. The ballot closed on Friday 13th January 2023, and the NEU intends to call upon its members to take part in industrial action consisting of strike action.

The NEU intends for the industrial action to be discontinuous and will take place on the following dates:

- Wednesday 1st February 2023
- Wednesday 1st March 2023
- Wednesday 15th March 2023
- Thursday 16th March 2023.

More information will follow as to how this will affect Ashleigh.

Golden Ticket Winners

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

Hedgehog – Brooklyn; **Squirrel** – Lucas;

Deer – Sammy and Lily; **Fox** – Nasri and Emmi;

Birch – Ivy; **Hazel** – Beth and Tilly; **Elm** – Dylan;

Mulberry – Willow; **Willow** – Billy; **Ash** – Lola; **Sycamore** – Oliver G and Lewis.

School Car Park

A polite reminder that the school car park is for staff only.

Mobile Phones and Smart Watches in School

- Pupils may bring mobile devices into school if they have a reasonable reason to do so (e.g. walking to and from school alone), but they are not permitted to use them during the school day or on the school site. They should hand in their phones to the class teacher on arrival and ask for them back at the end of the school day. They should not turn them on until they leave the school site.
- **Children should not wear smart watches in school.** This includes any watches which: take or receive photos or videos; have internet access; or can make or receive calls. If you feel your child needs to wear a smart watch for their safety on their journey to/from school, then they will be expected to follow the same policy as with mobile phones stated above.
- Any use of mobile devices in school by pupils must be in line with the acceptable use agreement which can be found [here](#).

Year 5 Boys' Football Matches

All matches take place after school and parents/carers are very welcome to come and cheer Ashleigh on!

- February 27th - Ashleigh v Taverham (Home)
- March 2nd - Ashleigh v Horsford Primary (Home)
- March 8th - Firside v Ashleigh (Away)
- *March 23rd - Robert Kett v Ashleigh (Away) – To be confirmed.*

Ashleigh Friends

- Thanks to everyone who came to our coffee meeting today, it was nice to see you all!
- Our next committee meeting is on Monday 30th January at 7.30pm at the school, when we will be planning the table top sale in March as well as the summer fete.
- The table top sale is going to be like an indoor car boot sale, so it will be a great way for you to earn some pennies and pounds on selling your toys, clothes and books! We will be charging a small fee to have a table (with the money going to the PTA), and we will confirm all the details of how you can reserve a table soon.

Talk Homework

This week's questions are:

Reception	Understanding the World - The Natural World Can you name and describe 3 animals that live in the Arctic?
Year 1	Geography What does a map tell you?
Year 2	Science How can we change the shapes of different materials?
Year 3	Art What is botanical art? How does botanical art differ from other forms of art?
Year 4	Science How does sound travel?
Year 5	Science Can you name the parts of a plant?

	Do they have a different life cycle to mammals?
Year 6	Art What is pop art? Can you name an artist which uses this style?

After School Clubs

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

Day	Club	Dates
Monday	Musical Theatre	9 th Jan – 20 th Mar
	Yoga	
Tuesday	Football	10 th Jan – 21 st Mar
Wednesday	Street Dance	11 th Jan – 22 nd Mar
	Tennis	
Thursday	Karate	12 th Jan – 23 rd Mar
	Ukulele (not 2 nd Feb)	12 th Jan – 23 rd Mar
Friday	Dodgeball	13 th Jan – 24 th Mar
	Bouncercise Kids	

Diary Dates

New or updated events

<u>2022-2023 Dates</u>	
Tues 24 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2pm Reception Family Learning Chinese New Year Story Cafe
Wed 25 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Maple class Swimming • 2:30pm Year 1 Family Learning Puppet Parade
Thurs 26 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2pm Reception Family Learning Chinese New Year Story Cafe
Fri 27 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:15am Hazel Family Learning Art Session
Mon 30 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30pm PTA Committee Meeting at Ashleigh
Wed 1 st Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Maple class Swimming
Fri 3 rd Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:15am Birch Family Learning Art Session
Wed 8 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Maple class Swimming
Thurs 9 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2pm Year 5 Family Learning Open Book Invitation
Fri 10 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School closes for February half term
Mon 20 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School reopens after half term
Thurs 23 rd Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3pm – Year 6 Football v Avenue Junior (Away) • 4:30pm & 5:30pm Nursery Tours (for admission September 2023)
Fri 24 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6pm Year 6 Art Gallery and SATs information evening
Mon 27 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After school: Year 5 Boys' Football Team Ashleigh v Taverham (Home)
Thurs 2 nd Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Book Day (dress as your favourite book character) • Group of Years 3-6 Girls' Football Event (rearranged from October 2022) • 3pm Ketts' Books – Book Fair (Small Hall) • After school: Year 5 Boys' Football Team Ashleigh v Horsford (Home)
Wed 8 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3pm – Year 6 Football v Firside Junior (Away)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After school: Year 5 Boys' Football Team Ashleigh v Firside (Away)
Sat 11 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ashleigh Friends – Table Top Sale (details to follow) • Family Voice Annual Conference, John Innes Centre www.familyvoice.org.uk
Mon 13 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3pm – Year 6 Football v Sprowston (Home)
Fri 17 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red Nose Day
Thurs 23 rd Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2pm Year 4 Family Learning Open Book Invitation • After school: Year 5 Boys' Football Team Ashleigh v Robert Kett (Away) – To be confirmed
Thurs 30 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 2 Family Learning Quiz and Picnic – Time TBC
Fri 31 st Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School closes for Easter holidays
Mon 17 th Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff INSET Day
Tues 18 th Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School reopens for Summer Term
Mon 1 st May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School closed for Bank Holiday
Mon 8 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School closed for additional Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation
Tues 9 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 SATS
Wed 10 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 SATS
Thurs 11 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 SATS
Fri 12 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 SATS
Fri 19 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • p.m. Year 6 trip – details to follow
Fri 26 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School closes for half term
Mon 5 th Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School reopens after half term
Wed 14 th Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports Day & Family Picnic
Mon 19 th Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 5 to Harry Potter Warner Brothers Studio Tour
Wed 21 st Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports Day Reserve (if 14th June is cancelled)
Sat 24 th Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • p.m. Ashleigh Summer Fair – 50th Anniversary Celebrations (details to follow)
Fri 7 th Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From 4pm – Reception to Year 5 PTA Discos
Fri 14 th Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From 4pm – Year 6 Leavers' Disco
Fri 21 st Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School closes for Summer holidays

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