



# Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery

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## Message from Mr. McConnell

### Mid-Year Progress Reports

Our mid-year progress reports will be starting to come home from today (some classes may be early next week) for Years 1 through to 6. You will receive a separate email which explains a little about the reports and what they mean.

Whenever we communicate with you about how your children are getting on, it's because we want you to be really well-informed about their learning. We want these mid-year reports to help you to get the most out of our parents' evenings which are coming up at the end of March. Hopefully the reports will help you to really useful conversations when you come into meet with their class teacher.

### Question of the week:

We are currently making a list of poems that the children will learn over the course of their time with us. We've got lots of ideas, but we want to ask you, the parents and carers, which poems you remember from primary school? Please let us know [here](#).

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## Golden Ticket Winners

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

**Barn Owl** – Hattie; **Deer** – Cooper; **Fox** – Ralph  
**Birch** – Parker and Poppy; **Elm** – Dan & Sophia; **Maple** – Sophia E;  
**Mulberry** – Megan and Zak; **Ash** – Darcie; **Sycamore** – Evan, Tavia and Alessia.

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## Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March - NEU Strike Action

- As you know, The National Education Union have declared another day of strike action, which will take place on Wednesday 1st March. The strike is happening because of a national dispute and not because of any issues at our school.
- Ashleigh Primary School & Nursery will be closed on Wednesday 1st March.
- We have not taken this decision lightly and have only taken it as a last resort - as you will remember we were able to keep the school open on the last strike day. This time, we will not have enough teachers to open the school or the nursery.
- The nursery, before school clubs and after school clubs (including Treehouse) will all be closed on this day. We will advise you about any discrepancies this may cause with payments.
- I'm sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child and that they will experience disruption to their education.

The other NEU planned strike dates are Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March. We will keep you up to date with what is happening on those dates.

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## World Book Day

Just a reminder that if children wish to dress as their favourite book character, they can do this on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. There will also be a book fair after school on Thursday.

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## School Attendance

- We have a duty as a school to monitor attendance. At Ashleigh we aim for a minimum of 96.5% attendance.
  - The government class attendance **below 90% as persistent absence**.
  - We have reviewed attendance this week and on Monday *we will be writing to all families where this has fallen below 90%*.
  - Whilst we appreciate that on many occasions there are valid reasons for absence, we are required to monitor and inform parents/carers when attendance has fallen below 90%, and work with you to improve attendance going forward.
  - The emphasis is on working with you to ensure that your child has the best experience possible and makes the very most of their time at Ashleigh, both educationally and emotionally.
  - The South Norfolk Attendance Officer will visit on a termly basis to review overall attendance and the steps taken to support and improve attendance in the most appropriate way for each individual situation.
  - If you have any questions with regards to attendance please email [office@ashleigh.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@ashleigh.norfolk.sch.uk)
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## Parents Evening Appointments

- School parents' evenings will be Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.
  - Nursery parents' appointments will be offered on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>, Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - (Booking invitations will be sent via Teachers2Parents today).
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## Ashleigh Friends

- Thanks to everyone who has booked tables for the table top sale on Saturday 11 March - we will be sending out confirmations shortly.
- There are still some tables available - tables are £7 each and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Your table will be confirmed upon receipt of your payment.
- Please click on the link for more information and to book your table:

<https://forms.office.com/r/rDDjMNe760>

If you have any queries please contact [ashleighfriendspta@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ashleighfriendspta@hotmail.co.uk), otherwise get ready to declutter and make yourself some pennies and pounds from your unused toys, clothes and books!

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## Talk Homework

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

<b>Reception</b>	<b>Understanding the World - Past &amp; Present</b> What Traditional Tales do you know? Do you have a favourite Traditional Tale in your family?
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>RE</b> How do different religions celebrate special occasions?
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>DT</b> What is an axle?

<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Geography</b> Can you name each of the 7 continents? Can you find them on a map?
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Science</b> What does the stomach do in the digestive process?
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>English</b> What's the difference between a discussion and an argument?
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Science</b> What is an electrical conductor? What is an electrical insulator? Can you give an example of both?

## Learning with Lego Education Campaign

- We will be taking part in the Learning with Lego Education Campaign and would be grateful for your support in collecting tokens.
- Tokens will be daily in the Eastern Daily Press (two on Saturday), Norwich Evening News (two on Saturday), East Anglian Daily Times (two on Saturday), Ipswich Star, and weekly in the North Norfolk News, Dereham and Fakenham Times, Beccles & Bungay Journal, Lowestoft Journal and Great Yarmouth Mercury.
- The two schools with the most tokens (as an average per pupil) will win the main two prizes meaning that all schools have a chance, both big and small.
- The last tokens will be printed in paper w/c 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023.
- There will be a collection box in the school front entrance for you to donate tokens, or please hand them in to the office.

Thank you!

## After School Clubs

- Please inform the office if your child will not be attending an after-school club.
- All clubs except Ukulele (3:45pm) finish at 4pm, collection is from outside the school office.

Day	Club	Dates
<b>Monday</b>	Musical Theatre	9 <sup>th</sup> Jan – 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar
	Yoga	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Football	10 <sup>th</sup> Jan – 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar
<b>Wednesday</b>	Street Dance	11 <sup>th</sup> Jan – 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar
	Tennis	
<b>Thursday</b>	Karate	12 <sup>th</sup> Jan – 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar
	Ukulele	12 <sup>th</sup> Jan – 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar. Collection 3:45pm
<b>Friday</b>	Dodgeball	13 <sup>th</sup> Jan – 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar
	Bouncercise Kids	

## Ashleigh Summer Fete - 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations

### **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June, 11am-3pm**

We're looking for parents/carers with any of the below skills, who would be willing to donate some time to the preparations for our 50<sup>th</sup> birthday summer fete!

If you have any of the below we would love to hear from you, please email [office@ashleigh.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@ashleigh.norfolk.sch.uk) or call 01953 602410:

- AV skills;
- Woodwork/construction skills (e.g. building wooden stocks/wooden hoopla or other games);
- Social media/printing;
- Would anyone be prepared to lend us a gazebo for the fete?

- ❖ Do you know any former pupils or staff who might have some memories or photos to share of their time at Ashleigh? We would love to hear from them. And we'd love as many of them as possible to come to our fete and see how the school has changed - or not changed! - since their time here.
- ❖ We are planning to make some display boards of how Ashleigh has changed over the decades, so please email [office@ashleigh.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@ashleigh.norfolk.sch.uk) with any photos or memories that you would be willing to share.

## Community Events

### **The Open Bionics Hero Arm – Go Fund Me Campaign for Caitlin**

- The Hero Arm™ is an advanced, lightweight, 3D printed bionic arm, with multi-grip functionality and empowering aesthetics. Engineered and manufactured in the UK, it is now available in over 800 locations in the USA, UK, Europe, Australia and New Zealand for people with a below-elbow limb difference.
- Funds will be raised through the registered charity **The Open Bionics Foundation charity number 1186502**. The charity provides financial support and assistance to enable people, in need of a multi-functional upper limb prosthetic device and associated professional fitting services, who would not otherwise be able to take advantage of such technology. All donations will go towards Caitlin's Hero Arm.
- Please see attached poster for more information.

### **Rainbow, Brownies & Guides – Forehoe District's Easter Fayre**

- Saturday 25th March 2023, Lincoln Hall, Hingham; 10am - 1pm.
- Games; Cakes and Treats; Refreshments; Premium Tombola; Teddy Tombola.
- Proceeds going towards Forehoe District Rainbow, Brownie and Guide Units.

## Diary Dates

### New or updated events

<u>2022-2023 Dates</u>	
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After school: <b>Year 5 Boys' Football Team</b> Ashleigh v Taverham (Home)</li> </ul>
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6pm <b>Year 6</b> Art Gallery and SATs information evening – changed from 24<sup>th</sup> February</li> </ul>
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>School and Nursery closed due to NEU strike action</b></li> </ul>
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Book Day (dress as your favourite book character)</li> <li>• Group of Years 3-6 Girls' Football Event (rearranged from October 2022)</li> <li>• 3pm Ketts' Books – Book Fair (Small Hall)</li> <li>• After school: <b>Year 5 Boys' Football Team</b> Ashleigh v Horsford (Home)</li> </ul>
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Year 6</b> Mock SATS</li> </ul>
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Year 6</b> Mock SATS</li> </ul>
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Year 6</b> Mock SATS a.m. Elm class swimming</li> <li>• 3pm – <b>Year 6</b> Football v Firside Junior (Away)</li> <li>• After school: <b>Year 5 Boys' Football Team</b> Ashleigh v Firside (Away)</li> </ul>
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Year 6</b> Mock SATS</li> </ul>
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Year 6</b> Mock SATS</li> </ul>
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ashleigh Friends – Table Top Sale (details to follow)</li> <li>• Family Voice Annual Conference, John Innes Centre <a href="http://www.familyvoice.org.uk">www.familyvoice.org.uk</a></li> </ul>

Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3pm – <b>Year 6</b> Football v Sprowston (Home)</li> </ul>
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3pm – <b>Year 6</b> Girls' Football v St Williams (Away)</li> </ul>
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a.m. Elm class swimming</li> <li>• 3pm – <b>Year 6</b> Girls' Football v Drayton (Home)</li> </ul>
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Red Nose Day</li> </ul>
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a.m. Elm class swimming</li> <li>• 3pm – <b>Year 6</b> Girls' Football v White Woman Lane (Home)</li> <li>• 3:10-6:00pm School Parent's Evening</li> </ul>
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2pm <b>Year 4</b> Family Learning Open Book Invitation</li> <li>• <i>After school: <b>Year 5 Boys' Football Team</b> Ashleigh v Robert Kett (Away) – To be confirmed</i></li> <li>• 3:10-6:00pm School Parent's Evening</li> </ul>
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a.m. Elm class swimming</li> <li>• 3pm – <b>Year 6</b> Girls' Football v Colman (Away)</li> </ul>
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Year 2</b> Family Learning Quiz and Picnic – Time TBC</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>
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School closed for additional Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation</li> </ul>
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Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• p.m. <b>Year 6</b> trip</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>
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sports Day &amp; Family Picnic</li> </ul>
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Year 5</b> to Harry Potter Warner Brothers Studio Tour</li> </ul>
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sports Day Reserve (if 14<sup>th</sup> June is cancelled)</li> </ul>
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• p.m. Ashleigh Summer Fair – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations (details to follow)</li> </ul>
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From 4pm – <b>Reception to Year 5</b> PTA Discos</li> </ul>
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From 4pm – <b>Year 6</b> Leavers' Disco</li> </ul>
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School closes for Summer holidays</li> </ul>

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