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Headteacher

Message from Mr. McConnell

It's half term! The year feels like it is racing by now and we are half way through the best time of the year. We are looking forward to an action packed second half of the summer term, full of trips and events, which are really exciting because we know that we are going to make some very happy memories between now and the summer holidays.

See you all on Monday 5th June!

Golden Ticket Winners

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

Squirrel – Isabel J; **Bat** – Finley, Millie, Riley L and Alistair;

Deer – Lara and Isaac; **Fox** – Elijah and Shanley; **Birch** – Jonny and Sebastian;

Maple – Mason, Walter and Harry;

Willow – Halle; **Ash** – Izzie.

Reception Hearing & Vision Testing Dates

- The next two days of hearing and vision testing will take place on Thursday 29th June and Monday 3rd July.

Reception Family Learning Event “Outdoor Learning” – 10th & 13th July

- As mentioned in an email sent to Reception parents on Tuesday 23rd May, we hope you can join us at one of the family learning events planned for Monday 10th OR Thursday 13th July.
- There will be 15 spaces available per class, per session.
- If you have not already completed the form, please sign up for your preferred session [here](#) by Friday 30th June (places will be confirmed on Monday 3rd July).

Ashleigh Friends

- Hurray, it's half term! If you're having a spring clear-out next week, don't forget we need donations for our teddy tombola at the summer fete.
- Also, the next preloved uniform sale is in June - meaning you can be super organised and pick up a bargain winter coat and wellies for next year! We'll confirm the date shortly.
- Raffle tickets were sent home yesterday - if you need any more, these are available from the school office. We've got some amazing prizes on offer and we'll be announcing the full list on Facebook soon.
- On Tuesday 6th June there is a coffee meeting at school after drop off (9am), which is a great way to meet other parents.

- And then we have a PTA meeting on Thursday 8 June at 7.30pm at school. We'll be discussing plans for the fete, the school disco and also thinking about Christmas! Anyone is welcome to attend, just drop us an email at ashleighfriendspta@hotmail.co.uk so we know how many biscuits to bring!

Term Time Holidays - Government Guidance

DfE: [Working together to improve school attendance. September 2022](#)

- Parents should plan their holidays around school breaks and avoid seeking permission from schools to take their children out of school during term time unless it is absolutely unavoidable.
- An application for leave of absence should not be granted unless it is made in advance by a parent the pupil normally lives with and the school is satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances based on the individual facts and circumstance of the case which justify the leave.
- Where a leave of absence is granted, the school will determine the number of days a pupil can be absent from school.
- A school cannot grant a leave of absence retrospectively. If the parent did not apply in advance, leave of absence should not be granted.

Lego Education Campaign

Thank you for participating and collecting tokens in the EDP LEGO® Education campaign. As a school we collected enough tokens to receive a £50 voucher to spend on LEGO® Education items!

Supporting your Neurodiverse Child

Essex County Council, in partnership with NHS and local SEND agencies, has produced a resource for parents and carers: [Supporting your Neurodiverse Child](#) We think it is comprehensive and accessible and wanted to share it with you.

Talk Homework

This week's questions are:

Reception	Understanding the World: The Natural World Which animals live in a woodland?
Year 1	RE: Can you retell the creation story from Christianity, Hinduism and Judaism?
Year 2	Geography: How might people in Kampong Ayer travel around? How is it different to how we travel around Wymondham?
Year 3	History: Who built the pyramids and why were they built?
Year 4	Geography: Discuss what you learnt about the River Tiffy.
Year 5	Art: Is street art ok to do?
Year 6	History: Why did Britain build an empire? Can you name some countries which were part of the British Empire?

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	Final session
Monday	Musical Theatre	Monday 10 th July
	Bouncercise	
Tuesday	Football	Tuesday 11 th July
Wednesday	Street Dance	Wednesday 12 th July
	Running/Athletics Club	
Thursday	Karate	Thursday 13 th July
	Ukulele (collect 3:45pm)	
Friday	Dodgeball	Friday 14 th July
	Bouncercise Kids	

Diary Dates

New or updated events

2022-2023 Dates	
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
Tues 6 th Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00-10:00am PTA Coffee Morning
Wed 7 th Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception trip to Pensthorpe • a.m. Maple class swimming
Tues 13 th Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3:10pm Year 5 Parent – Residential Information Meeting
Wed 14 th Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports Day & Family Picnic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Children arrive as usual for registration; 9:15-11:45am – KS2 (Years 3-6) Sports Day; ○ 11:45am-12:45pm – Picnic lunch, whole school (home packed or school packed lunch only); ○ 1:00-2:45pm – Reception & KS1 (Years 1&2) Sports Day.
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) • a.m. Maple class swimming
Fri 23 rd Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2pm Childminders' Transition Meeting
Sat 24 th Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Save the Date! Ashleigh Summer Fair 50th Anniversary Celebrations
Mon 26 th Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Reception to visit the Abbey
Wed 28 th Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 4 to visit the Royal Norfolk Show
Thurs 29 th Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception Hearing & Vision Testing
Fri 30 th Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00am Information Meeting for Reception Parents/Carers September 2023
Mon 3 rd Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception Hearing & Vision Testing
Wed 5 th Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception September 2023 Stay and Play Visits
Thurs 6 th Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 3 to Sainsbury Centre
Fri 7 th Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From 4pm – Reception to Year 5 PTA Discos
Mon 10 th Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 2 to Gressenhall • 2pm Reception Family Learning
Thurs 13 th Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2pm Reception Family Learning
Fri 14 th Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4:30-6:30pm – Year 6 Leavers' Disco
Tues 18 th Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:30pm Year 6 Leavers' Performance • 6:30pm Year 6 Leavers' Performance

Wed 19th Jul	• 6:30pm Year 6 Leavers' Performance
Fri 21 st Jul	• School closes for Summer holidays

Ashleigh Summer Fete - 50th Birthday Celebrations

Saturday 24th June, 11am-3pm

Please email any memories of photos of Ashleigh that you would like to share to:
office@ashleigh.norfolk.sch.uk



Free School Meals Application

- Families that are eligible for free school meals will receive the below payments from May 2023 to March 2024.
- If you have more than one child your monthly voucher will cover both/all of the children (so families with two children would receive £30 for May, with three children £45 for May etc.).
- Voucher codes will be emailed to the primary contact for each eligible child.

Month	Amount per child	Go live date	Expiry date
May	£15	5 th May 2023	7 th July 2023
June	£15	9 th June 2023	5 th August 2023
July	£30	7 th July 2023	9 th September 2023
August	£30	11 th August 2023	11 th November 2023
September	£15	8 th September 2023	8 th December 2023
October	£15	13 th October 2023	13 th January 2024
November	£15	10 th November 2023	10 th February 2024
December	£45	4 th December 2023	4 th March 2024
January 2024	£15	5 th January 2024	5 th April 2024
February	£15	9 th February 2024	9 th May 2024
March	£15	8 th March 2024	8 th June 2024

To check if you are eligible for **free school meals**

(Reception through to Year 6) please click [here](#).

Community Events

Wymondham Food & Drink Festival

- Sunday 25th June, 10am-4pm, Market Cross, Wymondham
- Street food, artisan drinks, charity event, street entertainment, town crier, music, Wymondham Makers Market, East Anglian produce.

Steps Community Food Store

- 9.15am – 10.30am every Tuesday
- Thursday morning by appointment
- The Hub, Ayton Road, Wymondham, NR18 0QJ. Tel: 07709 786618
E:info@hubproject.org.uk
- Help for those struggling to afford regular meals.
- Your choice of ambient foods at 50% less than average supermarket costs.
- Free fresh fruit & veg, eggs, bread, baby items and ladies sanitary items.
- All food items are 'in date'.
- Annual membership £1 until 30 April 2023 (normally £3.50):
 - Free refreshments;
 - Free birthday cakes for children (subject to availability);
 - Access to grant funding (subject to availability and qualifying conditions).
- Self-referral accepted, please bring proof of address.

Flourishing Families Tool now available on Just One Norfolk

- The Flourishing Families tool has been designed for families who might want a little extra help meeting their child's needs. We know that parenting can sometimes feel overwhelming but we all share the common goal to give our children the best start in life. There are all sorts of things that you can get help with, whether it's healthy eating, fun activities or financial management, and this tool was developed to help you work out what you're already doing well and help you find support when and if you need it.
- The tool is available at www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/flourishingfamilies and in just five minutes you can find out about the support that is available for you and your family to help you thrive together.

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