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A Thank You from Ashleigh Staff & Happy Half Term!

As our Autumn 1 term draws to a close, we want to say how incredibly proud we are of everything the children have achieved. It has been a wonderful start to the school year, filled with learning, laughter, and growth. Thank you all for your continued support—it makes such a difference.

We wish all our families a very happy, safe, and restful half-term break. Please enjoy the well-earned time to relax and recharge.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 3rd November, ready for an exciting Autumn 2. The next half term is always a magical time in school as we head towards Christmas. It will be packed with engaging activities, including our outdoor learning projects, fundraising for Children in Need, and, of course, the much-loved Christmas performances and celebrations.

Please keep an eye on the diary dates in this and upcoming newsletters to ensure you don't miss any of these special events.

Wishing you all a lovely break,

Mr. Matthews and the entire Ashleigh Staff



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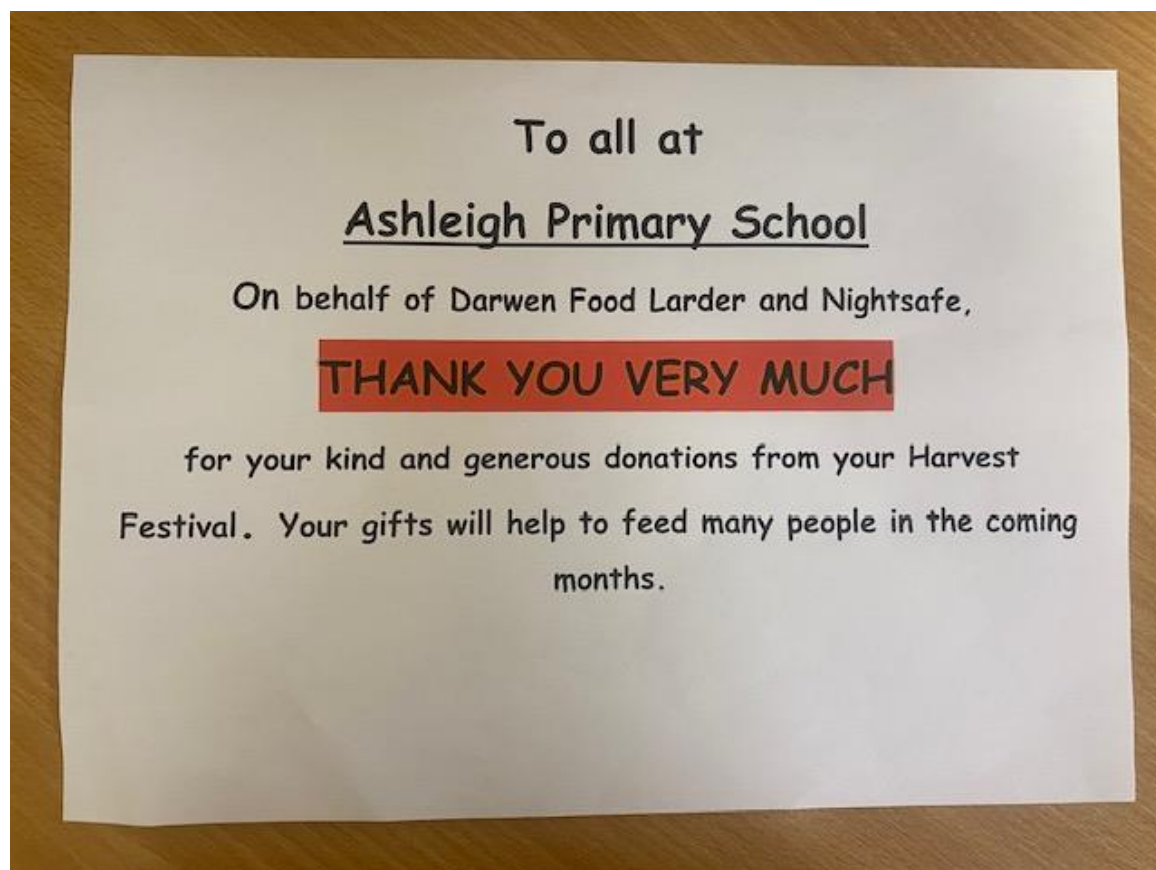
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HARVEST

As always, your generosity and support were truly amazing. The food larder collected all the donated items on Monday and left this message:



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HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN CARVING COMPETITION

Our annual Pumpkin Competition was a smashing success! We were blown away by the creativity, effort, and spooky spirit shown in every single entry — from intricately carved masterpieces to beautifully painted designs.



A huge thank you goes to our judge, who had the very difficult job of choosing winners among so many amazing pumpkins. Every entry showed incredible imagination, making it no easy task to decide.

Congratulations to our winners, and a big round of applause to everyone who took part. You've truly made this year's competition one to remember!

	1 st Place	2 nd Place
Rec Rabbits	Isaac Pearson	Abigail Kay
Rec Bears	Payton Sharratt	Bella Strong
Year 1	Lily Slater	Isabella Bilbie
Year 2	Beau Thistlethwaite	Florence Grimshaw
Year 3	Mercy Wells	Tyler Johnson
Year 4	Cole Lumsden	Lilly Schofield
Year 5	Edison Tattersall	Scarlett Bond
Year 6	Jasmine Robinson	Maddison Reid-Knowles



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A BIG THANK YOU TO FOUR SEASONS GARDEN CENTRE

We'd like to say a huge thank you to Four Seasons Garden Centre for their generous support in helping us towards the cost of new plants and compost for the planters at the front of school.

Their contribution has made a big difference, helping us brighten up the school entrance and create a more welcoming space for pupils, staff, and visitors.

Thank you, Four Seasons, for helping us grow!



REMEMBRANCE DAY POPPIES FOR SALE AFTER HALF TERM

Poppy appeal merchandise will be on sale at break and lunch times after half term, items include snap bands, reflectors and ribbon wristbands. Please be generous with your contribution for these items as there is no fixed cost and it is for a great cause. Thank you.



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

JS Photographers have advised that the proofs are in production and scheduled for dispatch to the school following the half-term break.

CHILDREN IN NEED - FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER

To support this wonderful charity, we will be having a 'wear something spotty or yellow' non-uniform day with a £1 (or more!) contribution. If it's a PE day, children can do it wearing their spotty clothes!



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GIRLS FOOTBALL NEWS



Over the past few weeks, the girls have completed their league fixtures, and we are incredibly proud of all they have achieved. They have shown exactly what it means to represent Ashleigh Primary School — demonstrating amazing sportsmanship, teamwork, and a fantastic competitive spirit.

The team faced some very strong and skilful opponents but stood united and gave their all in every match. Their determination, resilience, and support for one another were brilliant to see.

Well done, girls — what a super season you've had! We couldn't be prouder of you all.



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FLU VACCINATION CLINIC

For those children who did not receive their flu vaccination the team will be doing a catch-up clinic this half term, details below:



Lancashire (inc. Blackburn & Darwen)
School Aged Immunisation Service

HAS YOUR CHILD MISSED THEIR FLU VACCINE?

IntraHealth are holding catch-up flu vaccination
clinics this half-term.

Tuesday 28th October

 **Shadsworth Children's Hub**
Shadsworth Road, BB1 2HR

Book your appointment today!

 **Call 03333 583 397 → Option 2 → Option 2**



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School closes	Friday 24 th October	3.30pm
School Re-opens	Monday 3 rd November	8.45am
Outdoor learning - Year 6	Wednesday 5 th November	AM
Outdoor learning - Year 5		PM
Outdoor learning - Year 4	Wednesday 12 th November	AM
Outdoor learning - Year 3		PM
Book Bus Visit - Whole School	Wednesday 12 th November	
Children in Need	Friday 14 th November	
Outdoor learning - Year 2	Wednesday 19 th November	AM
Outdoor learning - Year 1		PM
Outdoor learning - Rec Rabbits	Wednesday 26 th November	AM
Outdoor learning - Rec Bears		PM
Christmas Lunch - Whole school	Thursday 11 th December	
Christmas Selection Box Bingo	Friday 12 th December	6pm
KS1 Production of Whoops-a-Daisy Angel	Monday 15 th December	6pm
KS1 Production of Whoops-a-Daisy Angel	Wednesday 17 th December	2.30pm 6pm
School closes	Friday 19 th December	1pm
School Re-opens	Monday 5 th January	8.45am



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