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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we bring the Spring Term to a close, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been a truly wonderful half term here at Ashleigh Primary School.

Our children have been fantastic throughout—demonstrating enthusiasm, resilience, and a real love of learning in all that they do. In just five short weeks, we have packed in an incredible range of experiences and opportunities.

From our Easter Eggstravaganza and Easter Egg Bingo, to the fantastic Year 3 & 4 production of Rock Bottom and the uplifting Let's Go Sing concert, there has been so much to celebrate. Our pupils have also taken part in sporting events including cross country, the swimming gala, and Year 3 & 4 Sportshall Athletics.

We have welcomed visitors into school, including Blackburn Rovers Community Trust who delivered engaging Move & Learn sessions for Years 5 & 6. In Reception, as part of their wonderful "People Who Help Us" topic, the children were visited by a range of professionals including the police, a vet, a lifeguard and a librarian, helping to bring their learning to life. Reception classes also enjoyed a visit to Wensley Fold Primary School, further enriching their experiences. Our Reception children also enjoyed celebrating Mother's Day by inviting their mums into school for a special afternoon.

In addition, we've seen the launch of our very first Ashleigh On Air podcast, continued success with Rotakids, celebrated World Book Day, and made the most of many outdoor learning opportunities. And of course, alongside all of this, there has been a huge amount of high-quality learning taking place every day in our classrooms.

We now look ahead to the Summer Term with excitement and anticipation for all that the final term of the year will bring.

Finally, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our fantastic staff team, who continue to go above and beyond for our children. Their dedication, creativity, and commitment ensure that our pupils receive such rich and memorable experiences. I would also like to thank you,



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our parents and carers, for your continued and wonderful support—it truly makes a difference to our school community.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable Easter break.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Harty
Deputy Headteacher
Ashleigh Primary School

EASTER BINGO

A huge thank you to everyone who donated Easter eggs, contributed raffle prizes, and joined us for our wonderful Easter Egg Bingo night on Friday 13th March.



Thanks to your generosity and support, we raised an amazing £763.50!

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to all the staff who attended and to our fantastic parent helpers — we truly couldn't do it without you.

COMIC RELIEF - RED NOSE DAY

Thanks, you for all the donations given towards Red nose day, we collected an amazing £174.20.



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COOL MILK

Children in Key Stage 1 can benefit from our school milk scheme, enjoying a refreshing, nutritious portion of milk each day. Milk provides the calcium, protein, and energy children need to stay active and focused.

If you have not already done so and would like your child to receive school milk, sign up today at www.coolmilk.com



EASTER COMPETITION

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Easter Egg-stravaganza competition! The judge had a very difficult task selecting just two winners from each class.

Well done to all who participated – we hope you enjoyed creating your fantastic Easter crafts.



The winners are as follows:

Class	1 st Place	2 nd Place
Rabbits	Kind	Jesse
Bears	Payton	Bella
Hedgehogs	Holly	Rio
Peacocks	Arlo	Lilly
Frogs	Scarlett	George
Bees	Hallie-Mae	Reggie D
Dolphins	Edison	Lucas
Giraffes	Holly	Will



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SWIMMING GALA

What a fantastic night for the Ashleigh Primary School swimming team at the Blackburn & Darwen School Swimming Gala!

With this being the first ever combined event, we were ready for the challenge—and our children were absolutely phenomenal. They represented Ashleigh with pride,

determination, and true team spirit. We couldn't be prouder of each and every one of them!



There was both individual and team success throughout the evening, and our swimmers more than held their own against some very large schools—what an achievement!

A special congratulations to our medal winners:

Individual Events

Henry F who secured 2nd place in the Boys Individual Medley 100m final

Tallulah A who secured 3rd place in the Girls Breaststroke final

Henry R who secured 1st place in the Boys Freestyle final

Henry F who secured 3rd place in the Butterfly final

Team Events

Rosalie F, Tallulah A, Emily K & Abigail H secured 3rd place finish in the Girls Freestyle final

Henry F, Henry R, Archie B, Rosalie F, Tallulah A & Emily K secured 3rd place finish in the Team Freestyle Cannon final

In 4 other races we finished just outside the medal positions with 4th place finishes! It really was a huge team effort.



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A huge thank you to our wonderful families for your incredible support and for cheering the children on all night—it made such a difference!

We would also like to say a special thank you to our dedicated staff for giving up their evening to provide the children with this fantastic opportunity. Your commitment and support mean so much.

CROSS COUNTRY

The Ashleigh Primary School cross country team took part in the final race of a three-race series at Pleasington yesterday afternoon – and they performed incredibly well!



We had some fantastic individual finishes, and as a team, the children truly showed the attitude and determination of an Ashleigh cross country runner. We also took a Year 3 & 4 team for their very first cross-country race, and they were fantastic! Not only did they show amazing resilience and dedication as a team, but we also saw some brilliant individual successes.

A special mention goes to Alice in Year 4, who achieved an incredible 1st place finish out of nearly 120 runners – what an amazing achievement! We are so proud!

We were unbelievably proud of all the children yesterday. They showed determination, teamwork, and represented the school brilliantly!

What an amazing cross-country series it has been!



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SUMMER SCHOOL UNIFORM

As we move into the summer term, and with warmer weather hopefully on the way, we have received queries about alternative uniform options for girls.



Girls are welcome to wear shorts or skirts and tops, provided they are in the same colour and material as the summer dresses.

INFORMATION

Our Mental Health Support Team have sent us these links to Community Services that run activities for children and families through the school holidays.

<https://www.blackburnyz.org/about-us/opening-times/>

<https://roverscommunitytrust.sportsfusion.uk/soccerschools/index.htm>

<https://getstuckin.org.uk/>



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School Re-opens	Monday 13 th April	8.45am
Carbon Monoxide workshops - Year 2 and Year 3	Tuesday 14 th April	
Outdoor learning - Year 6	Wednesday 15 th April	Am
Outdoor learning - Year 5	Wednesday 15 th April	Pm
Carbon Monoxide workshops - Year 5 and Year 6	Thursday 16 th April	
Dental assessments on 5-year olds	Monday 20 th April	
Netball competition (Invite only)	Tuesday 21 st April	
Outdoor learning - Year 4	Wednesday 22 nd April	Am
Outdoor learning - Year 3	Wednesday 22 nd April	Pm
Life Education Visit	Wednesday 22 nd and Thursday 23 rd April	
Reception Height and Weight Check	Thursday 23 rd April	
Outdoor learning - Year 2	Wednesday 29 th April	Am
Outdoor learning - Year 1	Wednesday 29 th April	Pm
Book Fair Week	Wednesday 29 th April- 5 th May	
Outdoor learning - Reception Bears	Wednesday 29 th April	Am
Outdoor learning - Reception Rabbits	Wednesday 29 th April	Pm

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