

Nursery News



Friday 27th May 2016

This Week

We have begun our topic on Mini-beasts through the text *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. We have produced many interesting questions that we would like answered throughout our topic. The children have been learning about time in our number work, found out about the life cycle of a butterfly and made amazing nature detectives during our forest school session. The outdoor environment has enabled us to directly explore habitats and search for mini-beasts.

Return from half term

We are going to return to our topic of mini-beasts, using the text 'Mad About Minibeasts'. On Thursday 9th June is our nursery trip for both the Butterfly and Dragonfly classes. Thank you to those of you who were able to volunteer as a parent helper for the day, we will confirm support required by the end of the day. Please read the attachment to this letter for trip details

Transition

During the second half of the summer term the children will be visited by their new Reception teachers for events such as story sessions. If your child is remaining at Ashleigh they will also visit their new classes on Tuesday 21st June where they will have the opportunity to explore their new classroom environment. Additionally, children remaining at Ashleigh will spend the day in their new class on Thursday 30th June.

Green Fingers Stay and Play

The next session is on 6th June. If you have not been able to come along do pop in for the first part of the session – all welcome! To enable us to do certain activities, donations of the following things would be greatly appreciated: bean seeds (runner/dwarf/broad), small plant pots, old sheets/tarpaulin and 2 litre clear plastic bottles.

Nursery Sports Day – notification of a change of date

Sport's day has been rearranged for *Thursday 14th July*, we are sorry for any inconvenience that this may cause. Child minders, grandparents and other family are welcome to come along and watch!

Home/Nursery Links

Weekly activity book

PATHS activity: What can we do to be helpful or kind? How do you feel when you do something kind for someone else? What things do you do that make you feel proud?

Go outdoors and explore different habitats, creatures and plants.

Important Dates

Nursery trip: Nurture by Nature Thursday 9th June

Nursery sports day: Thursday 14th July

Green Fingers: stay and play sessions: 6th June, 23rd June, 4th July

Summer half term: 30th May – 3rd June
Term ends for children: Wednesday 20th July

If you have any suggestions or comments please do talk to a member of staff at any time.

Mrs. Lacey & Miss. English

This letter will outline the details of our trip to ‘Nurture by Nature’ on Thursday 9th June

We will have a brilliant day and very much look forward to this year’s trip to Nurture by Nature, however, as you may appreciate taking our two Nursery classes out for the day takes some organisation therefore, we would appreciate your support with the following!

- *All children* (both AM Dragonfly class and PM Butterfly class), to arrive at Nursery *between* 8.30am and 8.45am.
- Please say goodbye to your child promptly on drop off in the area *outside* of the Nursery doors.
- Please send your child wearing a waterproof coat, sturdy trainers, trousers, a long sleeved top, school jumper.
- Wellington boots should be brought in a named carrier bag in case of bad weather.
- A **named** water bottle which will be given to an adult to carry and a **named** packed lunch.
- Packed lunches should *not* contain any sweets, chocolate, nuts or fizzy drinks and should be placed in the large black containers which will be placed on the sandpit as your child enters Nursery.
- If required, sun cream should be applied to your child before the trip. Please send them wearing a named sun hat if necessary.
- The children **do not** need to bring a rucksack or bag as they would have to carry this around with them all day. We will bring a supply of spare clothes with us.
- No pocket money is required.
- If we usually hold your child’s medicine in school (as we have previously obtained your written permission to administer it), then we will be taking this with us.

Return to Nursery:

- We hope to arrive back at Nursery at approximately 2.30-2.45pm, you should wait in the Nursery playground for your child where they will be dismissed to you from inside the Nursery as usual.
- Once you have collected your child and their belongings you should then collect your car seat if your child has needed one, at the front of the school by the disabled parking spaces.

Important safety information - Car Seats

We are aware that there are a number of children who will require a car seat. ***Due to county regulations, children who are under 4 years need to have car seats.*** Any other individual circumstances should be discussed with a member of staff before the trip.

A booster seat is acceptable and is easier to fit. If your child needs a car seat then *you* must fit this onto the coach before our departure.

All car seats should be *visibly* named

If you have any questions about any of the above please come and talk to us!

Mrs. Lacey