

Ashleigh Nursery

Newsletter



9th June 2017

This Week

Welcome back everyone, we trust that you had an enjoyable half term! Our topic has been explorers, we have looked at what exploring and investigating entails and also the skills that they may need. We have explored our immediate Nursery environment and learnt about its various habitats, inhabitants and natural features. In our number work we have practised a range of skills from ordering numbers to estimating. We have used the programme 'Come Outside' to explore the natural world, particularly, frogs, dandelions and bulbs.

Next week

We will practise our number skills and compare different environments through story e.g. jungles and the seaside.

On Thursday we will of course be visiting the Dinosaur Park for our annual trip, you will find important details for Thursday's arrangements at the bottom of this letter.

Reception staff will be popping into Nursery next week.

Books of the Week

We're Going On a Bear Hunt

How to Catch a Star

Room on the Broom

PATHS theme: giving and receiving compliments.

Next week's theme: nature

Early start activities

We would love to see you at the start of our sessions from next week popping in to complete an early start task. Our carpet sessions begin at 9.00am and 12.30pm so we would kindly ask that you complete the activity by then!

General notices and requests

Trip helpers: thank you to all parents/carers who have volunteered to accompany us on our trip next Thursday, we are unable to run such events without your amazing support. We aim to speak to everyone today to confirm whether or not your help is required on this occasion, we are very sorry that we are unable to take *everyone* with us!

Dinosaur Park Passes – several parents have asked if it is possible to use their season ticket passes to gain free admission to Dinosaur Park. We have checked and Dinosaur Park are happy for the passes to be used for our visit. It will be your responsibility to make sure your child has the pass with them on Thursday. **We do need to know if you are planning to use your pass so we can a) refund any money to parents and b) organise a revised invoice from the Dinosaur Park. Please confirm by Monday 12th June if you will be using your pass to gain free admission.**

Donations of pegs please!

Planning of next year's Reception classes

There have been a number of queries around how we approach the planning of next year's classes. There are many things to take into consideration to ensure that the classes are well planned. Achieving a balanced ratio of boy/girls, terms of birthday and ability are all important, friendships will also be taken into consideration. If you have any particular concerns or questions, then please do talk to either Mrs. Sprake or myself next week. We also work with other local schools if your child is not staying at Ashleigh. You will be informed of your child's new classroom just before transition day which is on the 29th of June.

Home/Nursery Links

- Nursery activity book.
- Explore your back garden or go to the park and the different habitats that exist. What creatures can you find, where do you find them, what features do they have and why?
- THUNK: where do the clouds travel, what happens to the wind and the rain?

Important Dates

- Thursday 15th June – Nursery trip to the Dinosaur Park, all day for both classes.
- Tuesday 20th June – Wymondham library visit.
- Thursday 29th June – Transition day.
- Thursday 6th July – 2:15pm Ashleigh new Reception parents meeting.
- Thursday 13th July – Nursery Sports day – 9am-10am 1pm-2pm.
- Tuesday 18th July – Nursery children leavers picnic for the last hour of each session.
- Friday 21st July – end of summer term.

Please remember that we are always available for a quick chat at the start or end of the session, however, if you would like a longer discussion then please let us know so that we can arrange a suitable time.

Mrs. Lacey & Mrs. Sprake

This letter will outline the details of our trip to the Dinosaur Park on Thursday 15th June 2017

We will have a brilliant day and very much look forward to this year's trip to the Dinosaur Park 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!

Departure from Nursery:

- 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.

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

Mrs. Lacey and Mrs. Sprake