

# Ashleigh Nursery

## Newsletter



22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017

### This Week

A very warm welcome to Ashleigh Nursery! The Nursery staff have had a lovely week getting to know all of our new children in Butterfly and Dragonfly rooms. We have been so impressed with how wonderfully the children are settling in, getting to know their new Nursery setting and all the new routines. This week the children have been enjoying exploring indoors and outdoors and both Nursery rooms, joining in with short circle times and learning how to care for our Nursery environment and for each other. The "All About Me" books completed at home have been very popular as the children enjoy looking through their own book and sharing it with new friends.

### Next week

Next week our Topic will be "Me and my new Nursery". We will continue to learn our Nursery rules and we will focus on what playing and learning looks like in different areas. The adults will play alongside the children to encourage them to use the areas independently and explore all learning opportunities on offer. We will begin to look at the children's "All About Me" books in small groups, so if you have not yet brought yours into Nursery now would be a good time!

### Books of the Week

Disco in the Kitchen

Owl Babies

A Squash and Squeeze

Harry and the Dinosaurs go to School

### What to bring to Nursery

Wellies – please add these to the racks provided in the Nursery playground

A named water bottle – containing water only

A visibly named bag with spare clothes - including a carrier bag to put wet or soiled clothes in.

Lunch money in a named envelope with choices clearly marked; or a packed lunch. *We are a nut free and healthy school so please no products containing nuts, fizzy drinks or chocolate bars in lunchboxes.*

**Please name all items including wellies and shoes.**

### Parent communication books

Our small red communication books have gone home this week, please use these for any messages or questions you may have. These will generally be kept in the child's bag, if you have written a message in the book please hand it to a member of Nursery staff or Breakfast club staff on drop off. We will hand it to you on collection if there is a message for you. Key person groups will be allocated over the next fortnight and we will send home a slip with this information. Please do remember that you can always chat to *any* member of Nursery staff at any time if you have any concerns or need support in any way.

### Funding

- ❖ Please make sure you check and update your 30 hours funding code regularly. **You'll need to reconfirm your eligibility every 3 months on the government gateway website.** More information is available via your government gateway online account. Please also speak to the school office if you have any funding queries.
- ❖ We have been advised by Norfolk County Council that Nursery sessions will only be funded for actual attendance (with the exception of occasional medical appointments and/or illness). If you will not be regularly attending your booked sessions unfortunately we are no longer able to hold these sessions open for you. Please do speak to us or the office if you want to make any changes to your sessions.
- ❖ Funding forms will be issued by the office during week commencing Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September.

### Payment and administration

- The cost of school meals at lunchtime for Nursery is **£1.50** and not £2.20 as some of you will have been advised on our home visit, we apologise for any confusion caused (£2.20 is the cost of our Primary school lunches).
- Lunchtime care (and lunches where applicable) will be invoiced separately; invoices will be issued on a half termly basis. The first invoices will be sent out during October.
- If you have not yet returned your collection password please do so as soon as possible.

### Parent consultations

Mrs Lacey or Mrs Sprake will be available to talk about the children's progress and next steps in learning on the following dates;

*Mrs Lacey 7.00am to 3pm Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November*

*Mrs Sprake 3.30pm to 6pm Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November*

*Mrs Sprake 3.30pm to 5pm Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November*

Booking details will be available via the school office nearer the time. We will also alert you in this newsletter when booking is available. We are always happy to arrange an alternative slot if these dates do not work for you.

### General Reminders

When dropping off your child in Butterfly room please do not leave by or open the door at the playground end of our cloakroom unless you have permission from Nursery staff. We only use this door at collection time when children are accompanied by their adults. This door needs to remain shut at all other times. Thank you for your help with this.

There is also a whole school newsletter for Ashleigh Primary, this provides additional information to the Nursery newsletter such as whole school events and updates which may not feature here.

Both newsletters are available via the school website.

### Home/Nursery Links

Each week we will suggest some activities you could do at home with your child to support their learning in Nursery.

Next week your child will bring home a large red book to support 'home/school links', we are always keen to hear about the places you visit, your child's interests or their

achievements. The books can contain pictures, paintings, messages, post cards, tickets, information leaflets etc. We love to spend time with the children talking about their interests and these books also help us to plan from the children. Use them as little or as much as you like, if you have something to share then hand it to a member of staff – we will always write back!

- Ask your child about their day at Nursery – can they sing you our “Hello song” or “Make a circle”?
- What do we all remember to do when a Nursery grown up claps their hands? (stop, wiggle your fingers and listen).
- Can the children tell you about the 5 things that help us to do good listening and learning in our circle times? (we call this “Give me 5”).
- Which new friends have they made this week, can they recall the adult’s new names?
- Nursery THUNK - a thought to get the children thinking - If we moved the school building to the other side of town, but left everything and everyone here, where would the school be?

#### **Important Dates**

- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> & Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October – School Individual & Sibling Photographs (*if you do not attend any Thursday and Friday sessions please contact the school office if you wish to have your child’s photograph taken*).
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October inclusive – School half term holiday
- Wednesday and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> November – parent teacher consultations

#### **The Nursery Team**

Mrs Lacey



Mrs Sprake



Mrs Cowdry



Mrs Sharp



Miss Pratt



Also in our Nursery team but not pictured are Mrs Roberts and Miss Bruce. You will also meet Mrs Robinson who helps us in Butterfly room at morning drop off.

Mrs Cowdry also greets the children attending Breakfast sessions with us and Miss Pratt looks after the Nursery children attending after school club. They will be happy to discuss your child’s Nursery day with you at drop off or pick up too.

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