

# Ashleigh Nursery

## Newsletter



29<sup>th</sup> September 2017

### This Week

We have been thinking about ourselves and how we are all different and special. The children have been attempting self-portraits using mirrors to decide which colours to use and where to put their features. The results are fabulous so far and will be displayed in both rooms once the paint is dry! In our carpet sessions we have been singing lots of counting rhymes using numbers 1 to 5, or 1 to 10. We have been counting up, down, one more, one less and using our fingers to help us. We have also enjoyed using our voices to make all different kinds of sounds, loud sounds and quiet sounds, animal noises and of course singing.

### Next week

Next week we will move on to a new topic all about Autumn. The children will be thinking about the seasonal changes that they notice at this time year. We will be looking closely at leaves, conkers, pine cones and noticing the patterns and lines we can see. The children will have the opportunity to try lots of different Autumn themed crafts throughout the topic to extend their learning.

### Books of the Week

I'm Special I am me

Ten Wiggly Caterpillars

One ted falls out of bed

### 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.**

**Please also ensure that children's bags are visibly named.**

### Home/School books

This 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!

### 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 ask Mrs Howard in the school office if you have any funding queries.

**Funding forms** were sent home this week, if you could complete and return these to Nursery as soon as possible. We are aware that there may be some forms which we have calculated incorrectly (apologies, this is the first time we've completed them and they are not the clearest of forms!) If you have any queries please do contact the office.

### Wisepay – Lunch Ordering

All children who stay for lunch at any point during the week should have received log-in details and information about booking and paying for lunches online. Children can still bring home packed lunches if you prefer but please have a look at the menu to see if there's anything your child would like to try. Meals are £1.50 for Nursery children, Wisepay have applied a reduction to Nursery meals so you should not be charged £2.20, but again, this is the first time we're using this system for Nursery so please let us know of any questions. Lunches can be booked up to half term currently. If you need to change the meal choice, or your child is absent, please contact the school office.

Invoices for lunch sessions for this half term will be issued in October.

### Autumn craft sessions

To celebrate the changing season and our Autumn topic we will be inviting you to drop into Nursery to complete an Autumn themed craft with your child during the week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> October. Sign-up sheets will be available from next week. If you are unable to attend any of the slots but would like to complete the activity at home or arrange a different time to drop in please speak to one of Nursery team.

### 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 am 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.

### Home/Nursery Links

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

- Sing a counting rhyme with your child, some of our favourites are “Zoom zoom zoom” “5 little monkeys” “Here is the beehive”. Please do ask if you need ideas!
- Sing a noisy Nursery rhyme with your child – such as Wheels on the Bus, or Old McDonald has a farm. How many different noises can you make? Are they loud or quiet?
- We are always happy to help but we try to promote independence wherever possible in Nursery. Please help your child to practice putting on shoes, wellies and coats by themselves. Can they make a start on their own?
- Talk about seasonal changes as you go about your weekend – notice the leaves changing colour, the weather changing and the night times getting darker etc.

### Important Dates

- Week of 16<sup>th</sup> October – Autumn craft drop ins, sign-up sheets available next week.
- 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