

Ashleigh Nursery

Newsletter



13th October 2017

This Week

We have continued our Autumn topic. We started the week with a scarecrow themed story, we thought about why we need scarecrows and how they are made. We moved on to thinking about what farmers are doing at this time of year, what vehicles they use to help with the harvest and then on to look at some of the different kinds of vegetables that are ready to harvest. In our free-flow activities the children visited the school farm, had a go at digging soil ready for planting, investigated pumpkins, squashes and their seeds and used paints and oil pastels to draw vegetables. We also started making 3 dimensional models of farming vehicles from the donated junk modelling – they are looking great, thank you. We also enjoyed practising our best smiles for the school photographer on Thursday and Friday – the children particularly enjoyed going on a walk through the “big school”!

Next week

It is our Autumn craft week and the children are looking forward to showing you their Autumn topic work and joining in with the craft activities. We will be focusing on fine motor skills next week, encouraging children to use craft tools (such as foam rollers/scissors/hole punch/playdough tools) safely and using a comfortable grip. In maths we are investigating 2d shape, learning their names, looking at their properties and finding them in the environment around us.

We are after donations of unwanted but good quality children’s magazines please!

Books of the Week

Tattybogle

The Gigantic Turnip

The Scarecrow’s Wedding

The Roll-away Pumpkin

Non-fiction books about Autumn and Harvest

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.

Wisepay is now available to order lunches. Any other lunch money must be in a named envelope marked with lunch choices. Staff are unable to accept loose money in classrooms.

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.

Autumn craft sessions

Nursery craft sessions will take place next week. Thank you to all those that have booked a slot. When you arrive for the craft session please go to the school office to sign in and collect a visitor sticker. We will come and collect you from there. If you have not signed up but would like to come to a session please speak to a member of Nursery staff next week. We look forward to seeing you then.

Morning routines

A big part of learning in Nursery is developing independence. When you arrive in Nursery in the morning see if your child can put their own water bottle in the tray, can they have a go at hanging up their coat and putting their bag/lunch away? If they need to wipe their nose, can they find the classroom tissues? Then the first job they need to do is to find their name and stick it onto our self-registration display, once this is done they can choose a learning activity and say good-byes.

In Dragonfly room we are short of peg space in our cloakroom, please help us by placing bags on our trolley, lunch boxes on top shelf of trolley and only hanging coats on the pegs. Thank you.

Key Person groups

Key person groups have been allocated and your child should have brought home a slip letting you know the name of their keyworkers this week. If you have not yet received this, please let us know next week. During the course of the Nursery day the children work with all of the Nursery staff so do speak to any of us if you have a message or concern.

Shared Providers

If your child attends another early year's provider (such as a Nursery, pre-school or childminder) we would like to work with them in supporting your child's development. In order to do this, we are able to complete a communication book between the settings or are happy to speak with them to appropriately plan for your child's next steps in their learning. If this applies to you then please return the slip at the end of the letter by the end of the week.

Lost cardigan

One of the children has lost a cardigan. It is named with a name label. Please check that any you have at home or spares in bags are the right ones. Many thanks for your help.

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 Monica in the school office if you have any funding queries.

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 8th November
Mrs Sprake 3.30pm to 6pm Wednesday 8th November
Mrs Sprake 3.30pm to 5pm Thursday 9th November

You will be able to book appointments via a text or email link, details will be sent out to you next week. We are always happy to arrange an alternative slot if these dates do not work for you.

Speech and language drop ins

If you have any concerns at all regarding your child's speech and language development then why not 'drop in' to Wymondham Health Centre between 9.30-11.30 on Wednesday 22nd November, no appointment is necessary. Drop in for an informal chat with a Speech and Language therapist.

Home/Nursery Links

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

- Look out for seasonal vegetables. Talk about their names, what they look and feel like- can you find the stalk where it attached to a plant? Did the vegetable grow under the ground or on a plant? Where are the seeds?
- When you are out and about look out for farm vehicles and talk about what they are doing - can you notice them harvesting, ploughing, digging and transporting?
- Support your child in practising using scissors. Practise holding a child-friendly pair of scissors using the correct grip, and snipping paper or playdough.
- Can you find 2d shapes, squares, circle, rectangles and triangles around your house?
- Play snap and memory games to support visual memory and visual discrimination skills.
- THUNK of the week: Where do clouds come from and where do they clouds go?
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Important Dates

- Week of 16th October – Autumn craft drop ins, daily pre-booked slots.
- Friday 20th to Friday 27th October inclusive – School half term holiday.
- Wednesday and Thursday 8th and 9th November – parent teacher consultations.
- 9th November - 9:15am & 1:30pm Reception September 2018 Admission meetings
- 16th November - 9:15am & 1:30pm Nursery September 2018 Admission meetings

The Nursery Team

Mrs Lacey



Mrs Sprake



Mrs Cowdry



Mrs Sharp



Miss Pratt

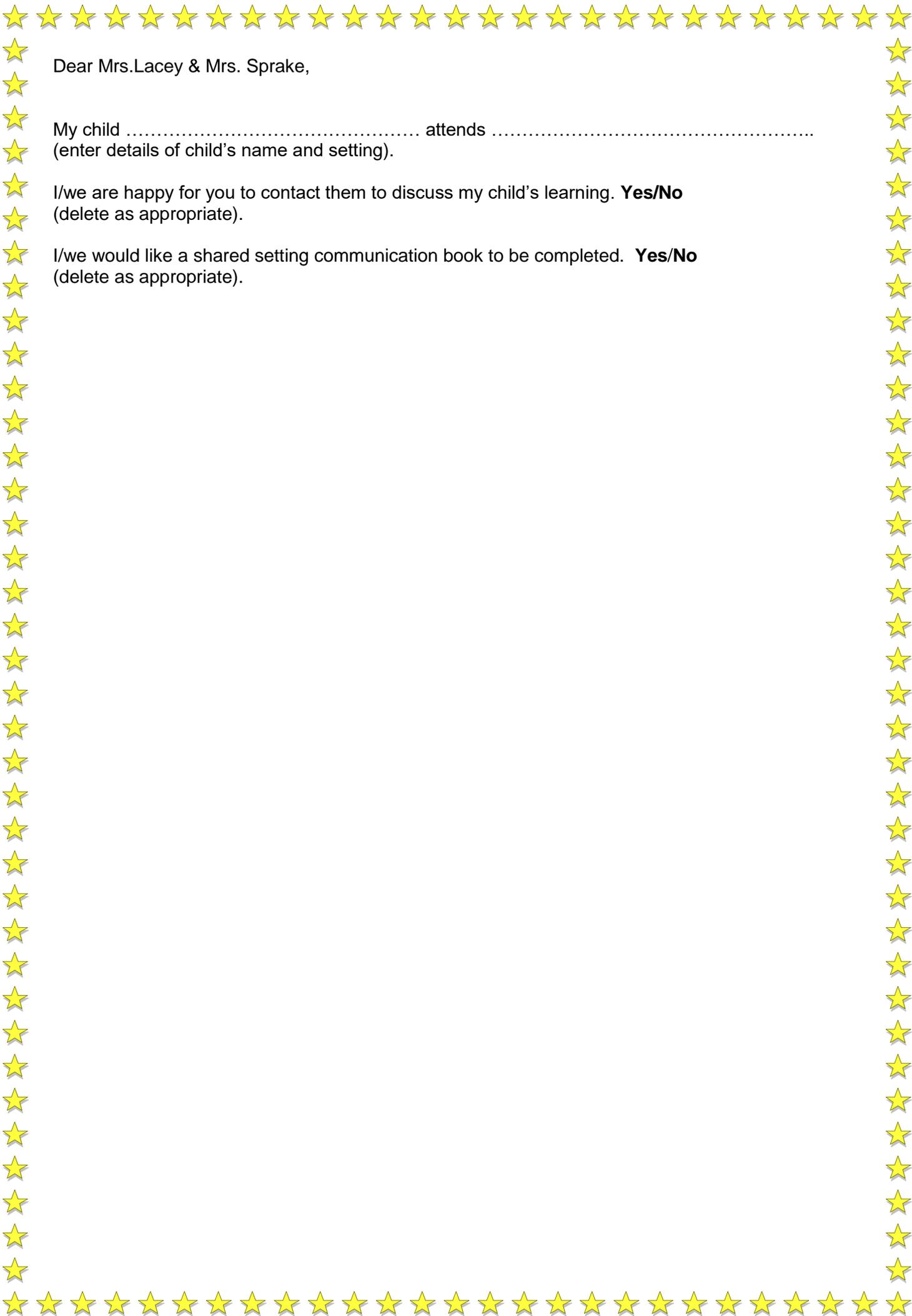


Also in our Nursery team but not pictured are Mrs Roberts and Miss Bruce. You will also meet Mrs Robinson who helps us in Butterfly room at morning drop off.

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



Dear Mrs.Lacey & Mrs. Sprake,

My child attends
(enter details of child's name and setting).

I/we are happy for you to contact them to discuss my child's learning. **Yes/No**
(delete as appropriate).

I/we would like a shared setting communication book to be completed. **Yes/No**
(delete as appropriate).