

# Ashleigh Nursery

## Newsletter



19th October 2017

### This Week

The children have loved having their grown-ups visiting Nursery to take part in our Autumn craft sessions. We made Autumn crowns, decorated leaves and used different paint effects to create Autumn pictures. We hope you enjoyed the sessions. We will try to offer a range of celebration/ "stay-and-play"/craft sessions over the year at different times to cater for the different attendance patterns of the children and to enable as many grown-ups as possible to take part. During our carpet and craft sessions all the children have been learning new craft skills – using scissors, chunky tweezers, rollers, hole punch, paint dabbers and paint brushes and focusing on the way our fingers and hands need to grip and work in order to use these safely and effectively. We continued our Autumn topic through lots of hands on learning and Autumn stories. We also began learning about 2D shapes and particularly noticing these in the environment around us.

### Next week

We hope you enjoy a restful half term break and look forward to seeing you all again from Monday 30<sup>th</sup>. On our return we are going to spend a week learning about colours. Colour names, matching, mixing and experimenting! We will base some of our learning around the book "Wow said the Owl" by Tim Hopgood. In maths we will introduce the children to Numicon – a colourful multi sensory resource which we use throughout Ashleigh Primary to support learning key concepts and calculation in mathematics.

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

### Books of the Week

Farmer Duck

Percy the Park Keeper stories

### 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.

*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.

### 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.

#### Fee invoices

Invoices for fees have been sent out this week. Could any payments please be put in an envelope in the red fees box, near the kitchen door in **Dragonfly** room – this box is emptied daily.

If you only drop off in **Butterfly** room please post your fees (in a sealed envelope marked “Nursery fees”) in the school office post box which is outside the school office as you enter through the main school entrance. Please do not give fee payments to staff.

#### 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 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*

Parent evening appointments will be made by Teachers2Parents. On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October you will receive a text or email link inviting you to book appointments for your child/ren in school. We have used this system several times previously and have found it to be convenient for parents. If you have any problems logging in or booking a time please contact the school office who will be able to help you.

#### Tapestry

We will be using the online Tapestry system to collate photos and observations of children's learning after half term. You will be able to log in from home to see updates. Tapestry account activation codes will be sent out week beginning 30<sup>th</sup> October. From receiving your activation code they are only valid for 24 hours so please look out for the email.

#### 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

- Support your child in practising one handed tools such as scissors. Practise holding a child-friendly pair of scissors using the correct grip, and snipping paper or playdough.
- Talk about colours, particularly different shades of colours – dark/light/bright, if you have paint or playdough at home you could try mixing colours to see what happens. What colours can you find in your garden or on a walk to the shop?
- As the evenings get darker talk to your child about how we stay safe. Talk about why we wear bright colours and reflective materials to help us be more easily seen, and why it is safer to always hold a grown-up's hand when we are walking near or crossing a road.
- Play turn taking games to help support children with sharing and waiting for their turn.

### Important Dates

- 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.
- 9<sup>th</sup> November - 9:15am & 1:30pm Reception September 2018 Admission meetings
- 16<sup>th</sup> 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

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