

Ashleigh Nursery

Newsletter



15th December 2017

This Week

This week has been all about Christmas and celebrations. In our learning circle time we have read the Christmas story and talked about the ways in which people celebrate Christmas around the world. The children have also shared with us some of their celebrations and traditions from home in their red books. The children loved having their grown-ups visiting Nursery for our Christmas sing-a-long and stay and play sessions this week, we hope you all enjoyed it too!

Those children who stayed for lunch on Thursday had a great adventure visiting the school hall to join the rest of the school for Christmas lunch. It was very festive and everyone had a great time!

Next week

Nursery closes for the Christmas holidays at 3:15pm on Tuesday. On Monday and Tuesday of next week we will continue with our Christmas theme. We will also be talking to the children about how much they have learned so far during this first term and the amazing progress they have all made in their independence.

We would kindly ask that the children are arriving 'on time' to their Nursery session, when they are taken late to the office a member of office staff has to walk them through the school into Nursery, where they join the children who are already busy with their learning and can find it tricky to join their friends.

Thank you!

A really heartfelt thank you from all the Nursery staff for your support, home learning and help in the Nursery this term. Thank you too to those who have brought in artefacts, books or games to add to our topic learning – they have really helped us to make the topics come to life!

We would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year and really look forward to seeing you all again after the holidays on Thursday 4th January 2018.

PATHS

This week we have been learning a strategy to calm ourselves down when we are experiencing uncomfortable feelings such as cross, angry or upset. We have read two stories 'Calm Down Boris' and 'Twiggle'. Your child should be able to recall the simple steps to calming and problem solving; stop, take a deep breath, give yourself a hug and then say what the feeling and the problem is, this is called 'doing turtle'. It may be that you need to take more than one deep breath. We will practise this strategy throughout Nursery and it is an approach that progresses throughout the school. If you have any questions then please speak to either Mrs. Lacey or Mrs. Sprake for further information.

Books of the Week

The Christmas story

Father Christmas Needs a Wee!

The Nutcracker

Kipper's Christmas Eve

Lost property

Any unnamed belongings left in Nursery will be displayed on Butterfly room table at the end of the sessions on Friday, Monday and Tuesday. After this time we will take them to the main school lost property.

Funding

Please make sure you check and update your 30 hours funding code regularly.

You need to reconfirm your eligibility every three 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.

Christmas gifts, cards and wishes

On behalf of all the staff at Ashleigh Nursery we would like to say a very big thank you for all the lovely Christmas gifts, cards and well-wishes that we have received, it is very kind and much appreciated!

This year, as our Christmas gift to the children, the Nursery staff have decided to buy a new game/play set for each of the Nursery classrooms. We will present these to the children and hope they will enjoy playing with these next term.

Building work updates

Please see the main school newsletters for updates on the building work and school entrances. Access to the school office is now only through the new main school entrance at the front of the school. You will have noticed ongoing building work outside Dragonfly room to provide us with a new ramp and accessible entrance. We are hoping to eventually use this as our main entrance for Dragonfly room. For the time being please continue to use the existing entrances and we will sign post and notify you of any changes.

Think of the week

Where do our feelings come from and where do they go?

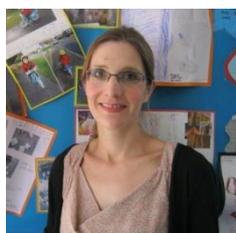
Important Dates

- Tuesday 19th December 3.15pm – Nursery closes for Christmas holidays
- Thursday 4th January – Nursery re-opens

Please also see the main school newsletter for details of whole-school events.

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