

Ashleigh Nursery

Newsletter



15th June 2018

This Week

What a busy week! The children were utterly brilliant during our inspection, they welcomed our visitors with such warmth and enthusiasm, we are so proud of each of our Ashleigh stars.

Our dinosaur topic has been amazing, the children have shared and extended their dinosaur knowledge and have enjoyed listening to lively dinosaur stories. We have had fun practising our careful counting to count dinosaurs - noticing what happens when you add more or take some away. The children used their early reading skills this week to read Dinosaur Park maps and plan our trip.

We had so much fun on our trip to the Dinosaur Park. The children were enthralled by it all, the coach trip, our lunchtime picnic and of course finding the dinosaurs! Thank you so much to all the parents who volunteered to come on our trip with us it would be impossible to run the trip without your help.

Next week

Next week we are continuing our dinosaur theme and turning our focus to all the wonderful dinosaur themed stories that we have in Nursery. We will be noticing rhythm, rhyme and sounds in the stories as we read. Thank you to those who have brought in favourite books from home, we will enjoy sharing them over the next week.

PATHS

This week we have focused our attention to the calming down strategy, particularly when we are experiencing an uncomfortable emotion. Sharing Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers today led to some very thoughtful responses which has demonstrated the children's amazing emotional development. Staff were all wowed by the children's deep understanding of how faces portray emotions and of what causes these emotions too.

THUNK of the week – thinking about thinking....

Do not count the days, make the days count!

Word Aware

The word of the week is *stomp*. We have talked about how the word 'stomp' helps us describe how the dinosaurs might have moved around and we have used it in sentences, for example "The dinosaurs will stomp over to the swamp". The children have had fun stomping around the classroom. At home you could practise some stomping!

Books of the Week

How to Grow a Dinosaur, Dinosaurs Love Underpants, Harry and the Dinosaur stories, Non-fiction Dinosaur books.

Drop in sessions availability

- We have one permanent space available in the Monday morning session and Friday morning session, 8.30 to 11.30am.
 - We have one lunch space available each day, except Friday.
- Also, we often have spaces available in sessions due to children's known absence. Children who already attend our Nursery are welcome to book an extra session on a one off basis if space is available for that day (there may be a cost involved depending on your number of funded hours).

Please contact Monica in the school office at nursery@ashleighprimary.net for further information.

Holiday Policy

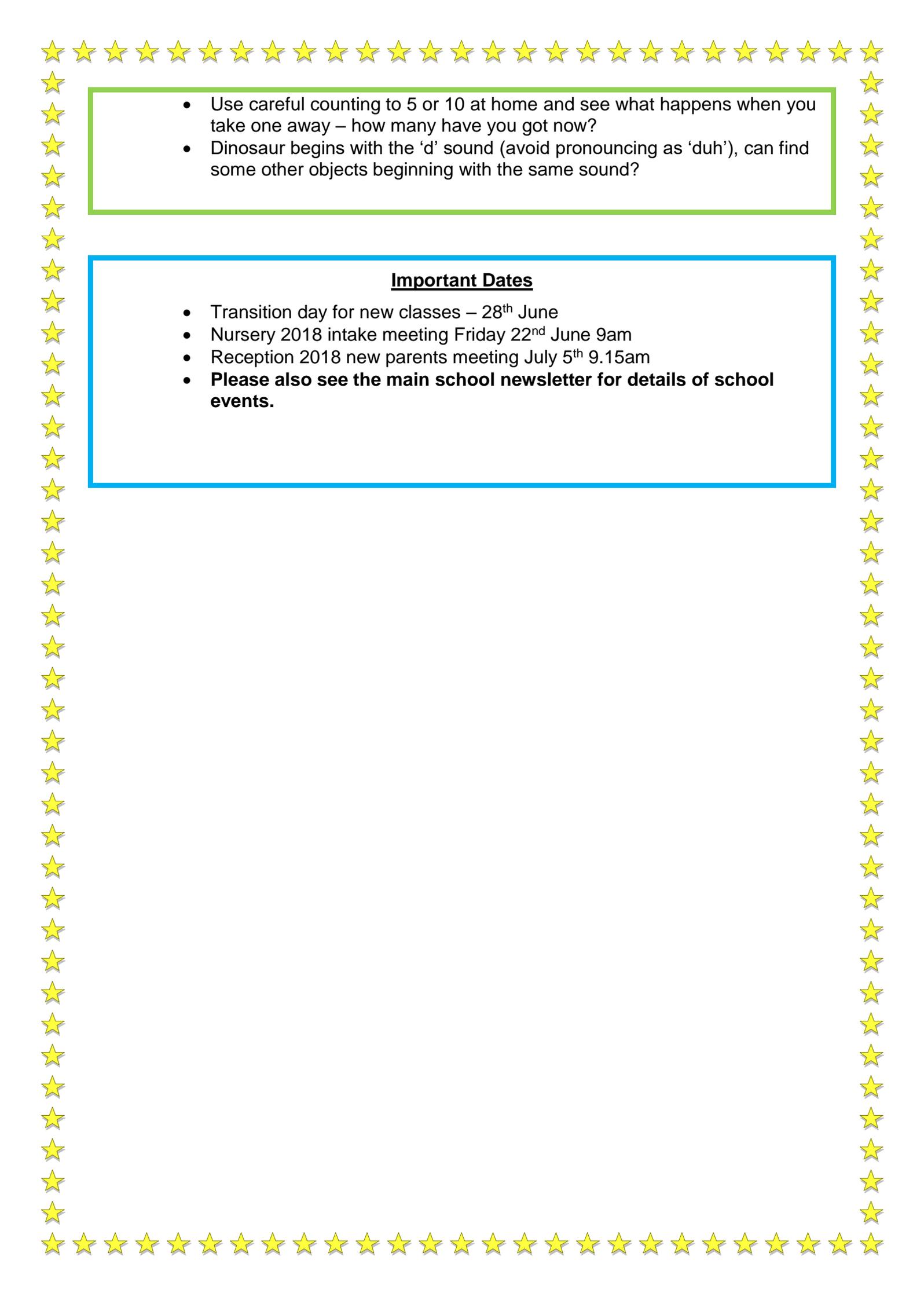
Due to the changes in government policy relating to Nursery funding we no longer receive payment when children are absent from Nursery due to holiday. In order to align our practice with other providers the governors have agreed a change in policy which will come into effect from the summer term 2018.

From the 16th April 2018 if you are planning a holiday during term time we will require a four week notice period and you will be invoiced for the hours lost.

Home/Nursery Links

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

- Talk about our trip! What did we do/see? What was your favourite part of the day?
- Read a Dinosaur story together and join in with sounds or notice rhymes.

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- Use careful counting to 5 or 10 at home and see what happens when you take one away – how many have you got now?
 - Dinosaur begins with the 'd' sound (avoid pronouncing as 'duh'), can find some other objects beginning with the same sound?

Important Dates

- Transition day for new classes – 28th June
- Nursery 2018 intake meeting Friday 22nd June 9am
- Reception 2018 new parents meeting July 5th 9.15am
- **Please also see the main school newsletter for details of school events.**

The Nursery Team



Mrs Lacey



Mrs Sprake



Mrs Cowdry



Miss Pratt



Miss Bruce



Mrs Roberts



Mrs Sharp



Mrs Robinson

Mrs Robinson is with 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