

# Ashleigh Nursery

## Newsletter



13<sup>th</sup> July 2018

### This Week

We have continued our summer topic and have reminded ourselves about the four seasons of the year. We then moved on to talk about holidays and travel, exploring maps of where we live and comparing how far away different places are. We have also continued to support the children's transition to their Reception year by reading lots of stories and using our PATHS curriculum to think about setting goals and moving on. The children also enjoyed getting into the World Cup spirit by practising their ball skills outside. In number we have continued to practise all the skills we have learnt so far this year. The children also enjoyed learning how to make ice lollies and enjoyed tasting them!

### Tapestry

We are in the process of preparing the Tapestry reports for you to download. Please do not add further observations to the system now, as these will not appear in your child's report. At the end of term you will then be able to receive a link to download your child's full Tapestry report – we will provide more information on how to do that next week.

### School Reports

School reports will be sent home on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July, if your child does not attend that day their report will come home with them the next time they attend Nursery.

### Staffing

Congratulations to Mrs Sharp and her family who welcomed a daughter Olivia May on 30<sup>th</sup> May.

Mrs Scott has already joined us to cover Mrs Sharp's maternity leave and is a familiar face to many of the Nursery children as she also works in school as an MSA and has provided cover for Nursery sessions this year.

### **PATHS**

This week we have been learning about the feelings associated with change and also the opportunities that may be found. Our main texts have been 'Koala Who Could', 'Stuck' and 'Once Upon an Ordinary School Day' where we thought about the power of dreaming big.

### **Think of the week – thinking about thinking!**

What is better, having big or little dreams?

### **Word Aware**

The word of the week is ***delightful***. We have talked about what delightful means and things which can be delightful.

We have explored other words which have a similar meaning and used these to describe feelings, games, the weather and our Nursery days.

At home – what do you think is delightful?

### **Books of the Week**

'Harry and the Dinosaurs go to School', 'Blue Kangaroo', 'Little Wish Mouse Starting School' and 'School time for Sammy'

### **End of Term Picnic**

We are holding two end of term picnics to celebrate the end of the children's Nursery year. We would love for parents, carers, grandparents, childminders to all join us. All are welcome for just one of these sessions per family. If you would like to attend and it is not your usual day then please do bring your child along.

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2.00pm – 3.00pm**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 10.00 – 11.00am**

On arrival please wait at the Nursery side gate and we will let you in to the Nursery garden.

Please bring a blanket and a picnic (children will also eat lunch and choose snacks at Nursery as normal on both days).

### **Drop in sessions availability**

Please contact Monica in the school office at [nursery@ashleighprimary.net](mailto: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.

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 the holidays – what are you doing? Days out? Playing at home?
- Have you grown since starting Nursery? How do you know?
- What can you do now that you couldn't do when you started Nursery?
- Can you act out "going on holiday" at home? How will you travel and where will you go?

### **Important Dates**

- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2.00pm–3.00pm Nursery picnic
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 10.00–11.00am Nursery picnic
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 3:15pm End of Term
- **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