

Ashleigh Nursery

Newsletter



14th September 2018

This week

It has been a great week getting to know all the new children. The children have loved exploring all the areas of Nursery and are already making friends and showing us how much they know! This week we have been enjoying stories, songs and coming together to learn our “hello” and “good bye” songs. The children have been learning our Nursery rules – see if they can tell you the five things that help us to listen on the carpet.

Next week

We will begin a short topic, ‘About me’. We will use the children’s ‘All about me’ books to talk about ourselves, friends and things we like to do. The children will have a go at drawing/making a picture of their face. We will begin learning some number rhymes to support early maths skills. If you haven’t had an All about me book to fill in we do have some spares, if you ask one of the Nursery staff.

Collection

Thank you for your patience at the end of sessions, we know collection takes some time as we let the grown-ups in slowly and pass on messages. We will get quicker as we get to know everyone.

Tapestry

By the end of September you will receive log on information for our online learning journal system “Tapestry”, where you will receive photographs and links to show what your child has been learning at Nursery. Please bear with us whilst we set this up and get everyone registered on the system.

In the meantime, if you have any concerns or need further information on any aspect of your child’s day or development please write in the red communication book and we will write back.

Lunches – wise pay update

Log on details have been sent home with the children this week (Thursday and Friday), they are available from the table on the right of the door as you enter Butterfly room to collect your child. If you have not yet received a log on please order through the office in the same way.

Forest/Farm school sessions

On a Tuesday morning our Outdoor TA, Mrs Jessica Roberts will visit Nursery and take children over to the Nursery garden/farm for an outdoor learning session. We will rotate groups every week to ensure everyone gets a go! Please make sure children have their wellies in Nursery at all times so they are able to join in.

Invoices

Lunch and non-funded additional sessions are invoiced on a half termly basis, and these will be issued towards the end of next week.

Lunch meals, if you are ordering a school meal, are paid weekly via Wisepay. Wisepay login details have been sent home, Nursery lunches are charged at £1.50 per meal, please let the office know if you have any difficulties with the system.

Learning links at home

- * Can you sing our Hello song to your grown up?

- * Talk about our Nursery rules and think about whether you have similar rules at home to keep you safe. Our Nursery rules are;
 - * We take turns
 - * We walk in Nursery
 - * We listen to each other
 - * We share our toys
 - * We use kind hands, feet and words
 - * We keep our Nursery tidy

- * We have a home art board in Nursery – could you draw/paint/collage a picture for our Nursery wall?

Funding

Funding forms will be issued by the end of next week, please complete and return these as soon as possible.

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.

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.

Drop in sessions availability

- We have permanent spaces available on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
 - We have lunch spaces available each day.
- 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.

The Nursery Team



Mrs Sprake



Mrs Roberts



Mrs Cowdry



Miss Pratt



Miss Bruce



Mrs Scott



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. Sprake