

Ashleigh Nursery

Newsletter



5th October 2018

This week

This week the Nursery children enjoyed taking part in lovely Autumn walks, we went through the Nursery garden, farm and onto the school field to spot signs of the season all around us. The children enjoyed collecting Autumn materials to bring back into Nursery for our investigation tables. We have been busy inside too decorating Autumn leaves and trees, you can see the children's work displayed in both classrooms, the adults have been supporting the children to become more independent in choosing and using resources, remembering when they need an apron and to take care over their work.

We also made apple crumble, the children thought about where the apples had come from and were fascinated to see how they changed when they were cooked. We had great fun rubbing the butter into the flour to make our topping, an activity which is also great for developing fine motor skills. There were lots of empty bowls when we all tried it at the end of the session!

Next week

We will continue our seasonal topic by learning about the fruit and vegetables that are ready for harvest at this time of year. We will look inside pumpkins to find the seeds and talk about our favourite fruit and vegetables to eat. We hope to cook pizzas using some of the fruits and vegetables as toppings.

On Wednesdays from next week the children will have the chance to visit the school library to choose books for our classrooms and to listen to a story.

Books of the week

Percy the Park Keeper stories
Emily Brown
Alfie's boots
The Scarecrow's Wedding

Key workers

Hopefully you have now received a slip with the name of your child's key workers. Please let us know if you have yet to receive this.

Tapestry

Parents should now have access to the Tapestry system. We are busy uploading observations of everyone so watch out for updates soon.

You can also add observations from home onto Tapestry, we really love to see them - please ask a member of Nursery staff if you need any help using the Tapestry system. If you have not received an email with activation instructions let us know at nursery@ashleighprimary.net.

Lunches – Wisepay

Please pre-order lunches for week commencing Monday 8th October before midnight on Sunday 7th. Thank you.

School Photographs

School photographs are scheduled for Monday 8th October.

Nursery will have the opportunity to have individual photographs taken during their normal session that day. If your child does not normally attend Nursery at these times you are welcome to bring your child for their school photograph at 12.30pm, via the school office.

Please email nursery@ashleighprimary.net if you are planning to bring your child in for the photograph.

Unfortunately we are unable to include Nursery siblings in the family group photographs this year, this is logistically unfeasible given the numbers of children and varying session times. The PTA are planning to arrange a separate photographer after school, details in the school newsletter, so families with Nursery and School children have the opportunity for a full family photograph.

Cooking donations

Thank you so much for the cooking donations we have received so far, we really appreciate your support. We have made apple crumble this week and will make pizza next week. We will vary the cooking day each week so that everyone gets a go. Any further donations can be handed to Nursery staff on drop off or collection.

Collection

When collecting your child from Butterfly room please be aware that Nursery staff are not supervising the children once they have been collected from the carpet area by their grown up. Please take care when opening the exit door that you only let your child out

of the door with you and ensure that the door is fully closed behind you. Thank you for your help with this.

Pre-school Speech Therapy drop in dates

Please see the attached flyer for the dates of Pre-school speech therapy drop in dates in this area. If you have any concerns at all about your child's speech and language development you can take them along to one of these sessions for advice. New dates are published every few months and we display these in both rooms on our information boards.

Parent Consultation Appointments

After half term Mrs Sprake will be holding parent consultation meetings where you can discuss your child's learning and development at Nursery in more detail. Booking will be online and details we will be sent by email nearer the time.

Appointments will be available at the following times:

- Tuesday 6th November - after school until 5.30pm
- Wednesday 7th November – all day from 9 am and after school until 6:30pm
- Thursday 8th November – after school until 5.30pm

Learning links at home

- Notice fruits and vegetables that you are eating or cooking at home, how do they grow? What happens when you cook them?
- Can you draw or paint your favourite fruit or vegetable? What colours and details do you notice? If you bring it in to show us we will add to our classroom wall.
- Can you find objects that are good for rolling? We have noticed that the shape of apples and conkers are good for rolling but that our cubes are not!

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.

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 Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

We have lunch spaces available on every day except Thursday.

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.

Important dates

Monday 8th October – Nursery individual photographs

Thursday 8th November 9.15 am and Tuesday 13th November 9.15 am - Reception intake 2019 open days

Wednesday 17th October – School closes for half term

Tuesday 6th, Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th – Parent consultation appointments

Please also see the main school newsletter for important dates.

The Nursery Team



Mrs Sprake



Mrs Roberts



Mrs Cowdry



Miss Pratt



Miss Bruce



Mrs Scott



Mrs Robinson

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