

# Ashleigh Nursery

## Newsletter



12<sup>th</sup> October 2018

### This week

What a busy week in Nursery! The children enjoyed practising their best smiles for the school photographs on Monday. Then on Tuesday we visited the farm to see what kinds of fruits and vegetables are ready for harvesting at this time of year.

The children then looked closely at pumpkins, squashes, carrots, potatoes, tomatoes and apples to find out which have seeds inside and work out where they grow. We made harvest pizza, rolling out dough, choosing and sprinkling on our toppings.

On Wednesday we visited the school library and chose some exciting new books for our classrooms. On Thursday we planted daffodil and hyacinth bulbs in the Nursery garden, enjoying digging, scooping, pushing down bulbs and covering them in soil.

We are so proud of how the children have all settled in Nursery this first half term. They have all learnt our Nursery rules and have grown in independence daily. It is lovely to see new friendships blossoming and the children becoming increasingly confident every day.

### Next week

We will base our learning around the story "Peace at Last", exploring all the different sounds that keep Mr Bear awake. We will encourage the children to join in with retelling the story and joining in with the repetitive lines in the text.

We will listen for sounds all around us! The children will have a go at making sound shakers using plastic bottles/containers. If you have any empty plastic bottles at home we would be grateful for donations to use for this activity.

### Books of the week

The Scarecrow's Hat

Mix it Up!

Roll Away Pumpkin

Non-fiction fruit and vegetable books

### 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](mailto:nursery@ashleighprimary.net).

### **Lunches – Wisepay**

Please pre-order lunches for week commencing Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October before midnight on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

### **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 6<sup>th</sup> November - after school until 5.30 pm
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November – all day from 9 am and after school until 18.30 pm
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November – after school until 5.30 pm

### **Lost Coat**

A coat has gone missing from Nursery, it is olive green with fluff around the hood. We think someone may have taken it by mistake so please check at home if you have a coat of that description. Thank you for your help.

### **Collection**

Please carefully supervise older siblings at the end of Nursery. They should not be playing on railings or using the Nursery resources at this time.

### **Learning links at home**

- Follow a recipe to cook your favourite meal at home, what ingredients do you need?

- Go on a walk to “collect” sounds, along the way listen for all the different noises you can hear – footsteps, vehicles passing, an aeroplane, leaves rustling or birds singing.
- We have been working on practising careful counting, using a finger to point at each item and slowly saying the number names out loud. See if you can practise this skill at home!
- Practise independent skills, can you zip up your own coat and put on your own shoes?

### **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](mailto:nursery@ashleighprimary.net) for further information.

### **Important dates**

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October – School closes for half term

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Parent consultation appointments

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 9.15 am and Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 9.15 am - Reception intake 2019 open days

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