

# Ashleigh Nursery

## Newsletter



23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018

### This week

We continued our spider topic this week, the children enjoyed singing and clapping along to spider songs and nursery rhymes. We have been practising our careful listening skills and using instruments in the classroom to increase awareness of rhythm and different sounds. Ask the children which instruments they played and what they sound like!

We made spider crackers, carefully counting out 8 legs to add to our spiders. The children particularly enjoyed eating these as a snack! During their independent learning the children have practised their careful scissor skills, and developed fine motor skills through weaving webs.

### Next week

We have a short topic about the story of The Gingerbread Man. The children will be joining in with telling the story, noticing the characters and predicting what might happen next. We will make and decorate Gingerbread people in our cooking.

In maths we will be noticing patterns and shapes. The children will use shapes to decorate their Gingerbread characters and will begin to name 2d and 3d shapes.

### Christmas Cards

At this time of year we often get asked for lists of names so that children can send cards to all of their classmates. As we now have a larger number of children at Nursery, this results in a huge number of cards to give out making it difficult for us to hand these out in class time. If your child would like to send cards we would appreciate your support in making this more manageable this year.

- \* Your child could make or write one card for the Nursery and we will share these with the children and display in the Nursery classrooms.
- \* You could add a Christmas message/art work to Tapestry.
- \* Your child could hand out their cards to their friends before or after their Nursery session.

Thank you for support, if you have any concerns or queries please let us know.

### **Word of the week**

Each week we will be introducing a new word linked to our topic. We will focus on the word, what it means and using it confidently in sentences.

This week the word of the week is “**spin**”. We noticed how a spider spins thread and we practised spinning around outside.

### **Books of the week**

Spider non-fiction texts

Calm Down Boris

Please Mr Panda

### **Tapestry**

Parents should now have access to the Tapestry system. 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

[office@ashleighprimary.net](mailto:office@ashleighprimary.net).

### **Nursery Christmas Stay and Play Sessions**

Sign-up sheets are now available for these session. Please sign up for one session only.

If you don't collect from Nursery in person please email [nursery@ashleighprimary.net](mailto:nursery@ashleighprimary.net) to book your place.

Session dates are :

Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	• 9:30-10:30am
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	• 1:30-2:30pm
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	• 9:30-10:30am

### **Christmas Lunch Menu – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

The menu is:-

Roast Turkey, Gravy and Stuffing with Pork Chipolata OR

Roasted Quorn, Stuffing and Gravy

served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots and Peas

followed by Banana and Chocolate Muffin with seasonal decoration or Fresh Fruit

The Christmas meal will be bookable via Wisepay as usual, from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December to midnight on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December.  
No other meals will be available from the school kitchen on 12<sup>th</sup> December, please send your child with a **home packed lunch** if they do not want to order from the above menu.  
Thank you.

### Lunches – Wisepay

Please pre-order lunches for week commencing Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November before midnight on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

### Applying for Reception 2019

Please remember to apply for a school place for your child for the Reception 2019 intake. For information see Norfolk County Council's website  
<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-admissions>

### Learning links at home

- Bake some Gingerbread at home – can you add a photo to Tapestry to show us?
- Practise counting 5 or 10 objects carefully, use a finger to point to each one, say the number names and go slowly. Which number can you count to accurately?
- Sing along to Nursery rhymes or songs – notice loud parts and quiet parts.
- Talk about spiders and what we have learnt! Can you find out a new spider fact too?

### 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 Tuesday and Thursday mornings; and all day Wednesday and Friday.

We have lunch spaces available on Wednesday and 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](mailto:nursery@ashleighprimary.net) for further information.

### Important dates

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November PTA Christmas Fayre

Nursery Christmas craft stay and play sessions–

- 9:30-10:30am Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December
- 1:30-2:30pm Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December
- 9:30-10:30am Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December

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