

Ashleigh Nursery

Newsletter



30th November 2018

This week

This week has been all about the traditional tale of the gingerbread man! The children have listened to and joined in with the story, enjoyed playing with character puppets, story cards, making gingerbread man shapes out of playdough, decorating paper gingerbread men and retelling the story to their friends. We also made gingerbread men and noticed how the ingredients changed when we mixed and baked them. Thank you for all your baking photos at home, it was lovely to see the children applying their home baking knowledge at school and to see the photographs on Tapestry. If you do any Christmas baking or make gingerbread then please add a photograph to Tapestry and we will share them with the class.

Next week

For the final weeks of term we will move into learning about "Winter". Next week we will think about the seasonal changes we notice all around us, how the trees have lost all their leaves now, how the mornings and evenings are much darker and how the weather is getting colder. The children will also learn about ice, how ice is made and what happens to it through investigating ice in their messy play activities.

Bugs in the jug – treat week

The children have been collecting "bugs in a jug" - a bug is placed in the jug when we notice great behaviour for learning – great listening, helpful tidying, working with friends or where children are kind, helpful and considerate to one another. Once the jug is full the children can choose a reward for their hard work. The jug is now full and the children have chosen as their treat a bike and scooter week!

Next week, the week beginning Monday 3rd December children are invited to bring in their own bike or scooter from home, along with a helmet, to ride on the Nursery playground. Children will be supervised at all times but please make sure they are able to ride their chosen bike/scooter independently. Scooters and bikes should be parked in the playground inside the black gates on drop off. If you are using Treehouse breakfast club they can be left with the breakfast club staff.

Year 3 and 4 performance Wednesday 5th December

Year 3 and 4 are performing at 3.15 on this day.

If your child is involved in this performance we realise it will make it tricky to collect from Nursery. If you would like us to, Nursery staff are able to bring Nursery siblings to the hall to meet you at around 3.10pm. The children will remain with Nursery staff until they are collected by their named adults.

All other collections and after school club will be unaffected.

Unless you have already arranged this with Mrs Sprake, **please let us know** if you would like your child brought to the hall on this day.

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.

Lost property

We have a collection of lost property from this term, we will leave this out on collection in Butterfly room, please have a look and see if any of it might belong to you. At the end of term this will be disposed of appropriately.

Named items will be returned throughout the year.

A child has also lost two spoons at lunchtime and we think these many have gone home in someone's lunchbox. If you notice that you have an extra one at home please bring back to Nursery, thank you.

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 was "**catch**". The children had fun catching Gingerbread men and catching balls outside.

Books of the week

The Gingerbread Man
Keep Running Gingerbread Man
Traditional Tales
The Runaway Train (audio book)

Nursery Christmas Stay and Play Sessions

Sign-up sheets are available for these sessions. Please sign up for one session only. If you don't collect from Nursery in person please email nursery@ashleighprimary.net to book your place.

Session dates are :

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

Christmas Lunch Menu – Wednesday 12th 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, please book by midnight on Sunday 9th December.

No other meals will be available from the school kitchen on 12th 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 3rd December before midnight on Sunday 2nd December. 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

- Add a photograph to Tapestry to show us your baking at home! Which ingredients did you use? Did they look different after you mixed them or cooked them?
- Retell the story of the Gingerbread Man, can your child tell you what happened at the beginning and the end of the story? Can they remember some of the characters?
- We used <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/gingerbread-man-game> this game to practise our counting and matching this week, why not try it at home as well?
- We have been learning some Christmas songs....can your child sing these to you at home?
- Go for a wintery walk – what do you notice? Look at the trees, the sky, the flowers and plants and notice what has changed in the last few weeks.

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 for further information.

Important dates

Nursery Christmas craft stay and play sessions–

- 9:30-10:30am Tuesday 11th December

- 1:30-2:30pm Wednesday 12th December
- 9:30-10:30am Thursday 13th December

3:15pm Tuesday 18th December – Nursery closes

8:30am Wednesday 3rd January – Nursery reopens

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