

# Ashleigh Nursery

## Newsletter



1<sup>st</sup> March 2019

### This week

We hope you all had a lovely half term, thank you for all the wonderful Tapestry photographs you added, we really enjoyed seeing what the children had been doing during their holiday.

This week we continued to read Elmer and jungle themed poems and stories. We read the sound story "Walking through the Jungle" and made our own jungle animal sounds using our voices.

In phonics the children have been listening and joining in with animal sounds and playing eye-spy with jungle animals. In maths we have been rolling dice and counting out animals.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the sunny weather this week, enthusiastically making mud kitchen creations! Our gardening volunteer was in Nursery this week planting cress and peas. On the farm the children planted spring bulbs and collected eggs.

### Word of the week and NSPCC PANTS

This week we learnt about the word private through our NSPCC Pants lesson. The children watched the "Pantosaurus" video and used the resources on the NSPCC website to talk about why "pants are private". The link to this website is

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/>

### Books of the week

Elmer stories

Walking Through the Jungle

We All Went on Safari

One Mole Digging a Hole

### Next week

Next week is world book week. All week we will be exploring our favourite stories, talking about why we like them and learning about the characters and settings of the stories. The Nursery staff will be bringing in their favourite stories to share. If children have a favourite book from home they would like to bring in, please bring them in (clearly named) and we will try our best to find time to share them all!

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March the children are welcome to come dressed as a book character. This is always a very popular day and many of the children have been eagerly telling us about their characters already. If your child is not here on that day they are welcome to wear their costume another day or add a photograph to Tapestry to show us.

**Please make sure your child knows how to remove their costume to use the toilet, and that all costumes are suitable for wearing in a classroom environment.**

### **Book Week - 4<sup>th</sup> March**

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March after school in the small school hall (access through the main school office) Kett's books are holding a book fair. They will have a selection of the world book day £1 books on offer and a wide selection of others available.

This is also a great opportunity to see new books and ask for recommendations from Kett's Books staff. Ashleigh Friends will also be there, serving hot drinks, squash and cakes.

### **Nursery Lunches**

|                | <b>via Wisepay</b> | <b>via School (cash/cheque)</b> |
|----------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Nursery</b> | £1.50              | £1.80                           |

Please pre-order lunches for week commencing Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March before midnight on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

If you need help with the system or your log-in details to be reissued, please contact the school office.

### **Nursery/Home school links**

- Play a dice game – can you spot the number patterns and say how many they represent without counting?
- Talk about your favourite stories and why you like them – you could add this to Tapestry to tell us about them too.
- We are beginning to learn about rhyme. When you are reading stories at home can you spot words that rhyme?
- Play eye-spy with pictures or objects at home - can your child begin to hear the initial sounds in words?

### **Lost Property**

There is a lost property box in the cloakroom in Butterfly room. Unnamed lost items will be placed there at the end of each day. Please check to see if anything is your child's.

### **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:

Mornings: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Afternoons: Monday

Lunches: Full

We sometimes 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**

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| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March    | 3pm Ketts' Book Fair in the Main Hall                                   |
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March  | World Book Day dress as favourite character plus 3:00-4:00pm Story Café |
| Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April    | 3:15pm Nursery closes for Easter Holidays                               |
| Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April  | 8:30am Nursery reopens  |
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May      | Nursery closed for Bank Holiday   |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May     | 3:15pm Nursery closes for half term                                     |
| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June     | 8:30am Nursery reopens  |
| Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July | 3:15pm Nursery closes for Summer Holidays                               |

Please also see the main school newsletter for important dates.

### **The Nursery Team**

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