

Ashleigh Nursery

Newsletter



8th March 2019

This week

Book week has been as fabulous as ever this year, the children were so excited to show us their favourite books from home and to wear their character costumes to Nursery. All week we have enjoyed learning more about books, looking at the covers to notice clues that might tell us more about the book and reading the blurb on the back to find out more. We have talked about favourite characters and what happens at the beginning, middle and end of the story. The children visited the school library and were challenged to find a book that they had never read before, we brought these back to the classrooms and had great fun reading lots of new stories.

On Tuesday we learned about Shrove Tuesday and enjoyed making, and of course tasting, pancakes. Following this the children made "pancakes" all week in the sand and mud kitchen!

Those children who attended the story café after school on Thursday enjoyed going to the big school hall and joining in this event, they heard lots of new stories and enjoyed a tasty snack.

Books of the week

Zog
Mr Wolf's pancakes
The Gruffalo
Oi Frog
Everybunny Dance
Every bunny Count

Next week

We move on to our Spring topic next week. We will be noticing the first signs of Spring appearing all around us (shoots, buds, new leaves, changes in the weather and light). In phonics we are challenging the children to hear rhyming words, in stories, rhymes and to think of words that rhyme with their name.

In maths we are working out simple problems, such as finding the total of two groups in practical activities. You can support at home by doing lots of counting and spotting numbers all around you.

Friday 15th March Comic Relief – Red Nose Day

Children are welcome to come into nursery dressed in non-uniform for a suggested donation of £1.

Word of the week

Our word of the week this week was “beginning”, we talking about what beginning means. We noticed the beginning of the day, of lunchtime and also the beginning of books and stories. We talked about beginning something new such as a new hobby or sport.

Nursery Lunches

	<u>via Wisepay</u>	<u>via School (cash/cheque)</u>
<u>Nursery</u>	£1.50	£1.80

Please pre-order lunches for week commencing Monday 4th March before midnight on Sunday 3rd 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

- Can you recognise numbers to 5 or 10 all around you?
- When you read a story at home, ask your child questions such as “I wonder what might happen next?” or “how did the story end?”.
- Notice signs of Spring when you are walking to school or at the park. Have you got any signs of Spring in your garden at home?
- Can you spot flowers such as daffodils and crocuses?
- We are beginning to learn about rhyme. When you are reading stories at home can you spot words that rhyme?

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 there is yours.

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 for further information.

Important dates

Friday 15 th March	Comic relief – non uniform day
Friday 5 th April	3:15pm Nursery closes for Easter Holidays
Tuesday 23 rd April	8:30am Nursery reopens
Monday 6 th May	Nursery closed for Bank Holiday
Friday 24 th May	3:15pm Nursery closes for half term
Monday 3 rd June	8:30am Nursery reopens
Wednesday 24 th 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