

Ashleigh Nursery

Newsletter



29th March 2019

This week

We made the most of the sunny start to the week by taking a Spring walk around the school grounds. The children spotted several signs of Spring including blossom, Spring flowers, birds busy building nests and insects buzzing.

We also learned that some animals have babies at this time of year, see if your child can remember the names of animals and their young.

In our maths this week we were challenging the children to begin to notice number patterns (such as the pattern on a dice for numbers to 6), we played matching pairs and challenged the children to know how many were there without counting, by remembering the pattern.

Books of the week

Alfie's Feet

Dora's Chicks

Chicky-Chicky-Chook-Chook

Farm Animals – Watch how I Grow

Word of the week

This week our word of the week was "blossom", we noticed blossom on the trees in the Nursery garden and school grounds. Can you spot blossom when you are out and about?

Next week

We will learn that some people celebrate Easter at this time of year and have lots of Easter and Spring themed crafts for you to join in with at the stay and play sessions.

We look forward to seeing you at the session you have signed up for, there will be further opportunities to stay and play next term.

Summer Trip

Thank you for returning your forms. We will be taking two coaches to Thetford, final costs will be confirmed after Easter but for planning purposes we expect the cost (child or adult) will be £4.50 per person

Mini-professors visit

Letters about these workshops have gone home this week please return the form to book a place by **April 4th**.

Pet topic – pets needed!

After the Easter Holidays will be learning about pets. This is always a very popular topic with the children. We have guinea pigs, a rabbit, chickens and the school dog that will visit Nursery so that we can learn how to care for pets. If you have a small or unusual pet at home that you would be able to bring into Nursery to visit as part of our topic please let Mrs Sprake know.

Summer term drop off and collection arrangements

Each year after Easter we promote children's independent skills by encouraging them to come into Nursery by themselves, to hang up their coat, put bags and water bottles away, self-register and find an activity.

Nursery adults are stationed in the cloakrooms and on the carpet areas to provide support with this as needed. At hometime the Nursery staff support the children with collecting their belongings and then we dismiss the children one by one from the main door once we have seen their named adult who will be waiting on the playground.

Every year we are amazed at how the children respond by rising to the challenge and how proud and important they feel to be doing something so grown up! We will start with the new routine from the second week back after Easter – Monday 29th April but feel free to start earlier, many parents find the children are ready for the new start after the Easter break.

Before and after school club drop offs and collections remain the same - these children will also manage their own belongings with support when they arrive and leave Nursery each day.

Speech therapy drop in sessions

The East Coast Speech and Language team have released dates for the next round of drop in sessions for South Norfolk. The new dates were emailed out to parents this week and a copy is also displayed in both Nursery classrooms. You can take your child, or younger siblings, along for an assessment if you have any concerns at all about their speech and language development.

Nursery Lunches

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

Please pre-order lunches for week commencing Monday 1st April before midnight on Sunday 31st March 2019

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 at home – can you remember the number patterns?
- Ask your child about the signs of Spring – how many can they remember?
- Talk about occasions that you celebrate at home, how do you celebrate (special food, decorations, gifts, events) and why?
- Try some observational drawing at home, try drawing or painting us a Spring flower or garden picture for our art wall. Can you look closely and notice the details?

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. We will dispose of unnamed lost property at the end of the term so 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 and Wednesday

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

Tuesday 2 nd Apr	9:15-10:15am Nursery Stay and Play
Wednesday 3 rd Apr	1:45-2:45pm Nursery Stay and Play
Thursday 4 th Apr	9:15-10:15am Nursery Stay and Play
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
Tuesday 18 th June	Summer Trip to Thetford Forest
Wednesday 24 th July	3:15pm Nursery closes for Summer Holidays

Please also see the main school newsletter for important dates.

Tapestry

We love to see examples of your learning and progress at home on Tapestry so please do add photographs and comments.

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.