

Ashleigh Nursery

Newsletter



8th November 2019

This Week

We started this week by talking about bonfire night – the children were very keen to share their experiences of firework displays! We have been encouraging amazing firework inspired mark making this week, using chalk, pastel, paint and glitter. Children have been developing their use of colour and practising their pen grip to make their firework patterns. We enjoyed making firework play dough, making a basic dough mixture and adding with bright colours and sprinkles. In our number work we have learnt the song "Five Little Fireworks" (to the tune of Ten Green Bottles) and counting down from 5 to 0.

Next Week

Next week we begin a two week topic on Spiders! The children are always fascinated by spiders they find outside or indoors and have noticed the dew covered webs around our Nursery garden recently. We will find out lots of facts about spiders and their webs, read spider stories and do lots of spider themed maths activities too.

Books of the Week

Wow, said the Owl, It's Night Time
Owl Babies
How to Catch a Star

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 "bright". We have noticed bright colours, investigated which colours show up brightest against a dark background and made bright coloured playdough.

Belongings

All coats and bags are brought over to Butterfly cloakroom for the afternoon session.
Please make sure all items are named.

Outside

Please closely supervise older siblings in the playgrounds outside Nursery at drop off and collection time.

Children should not be climbing on slopes/railings or playing ball games at these times.

PATHS

This week we have introduced our "PATHS" (Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies) programme to the children. PATHS is a social and emotional programme to support children's emotional development. We talk about feelings, that there are comfortable and uncomfortable feelings and that these are ok to have. We talk about acceptable ways to deal with those feelings. We explore problem solving in relation to children getting on and falling out. Previous Nursery parents have noticed a real positive effect at home in managing feelings and behaviours.

As part of PATHS, to support children's self esteem, each day we have a "Special Person", who has special jobs (such as helping to set up snack and count the children), the Special Person receives compliments at the end of the session, there is space at the bottom for you to write a compliment from home and bring it back to share with the class. Throughout the day children are able to show us how they are feeling using our PATHS display.

The Special Person is picked at random each day and each child takes a turn.

Reception Open Day

For Parents and Carers of children born between
01.09.15 – 31.08.16 for **Reception**

Please take this opportunity to visit the school, talk to staff
and children, and have your questions answered.

To sign up for a visit please phone or email the school office.

Tour date:

Tuesday 12th November at 9:15am

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

- Think of a question about spiders – what would you like to find out?
- Go on a hunt for numbers, which ones can you spot all around you?
- Notice bright colours – which stand out the best in the dark?
- Play a game of "I spy" or collect sounds beginning with "s".
- Practise independent skills, can you zip up your own coat and put on your own shoes?

Nursery Lunches

Please pre-order lunches for week commencing Monday 11th November before midnight on Sunday 10th November 2019.

If you forget to order school meals before midnight on Sunday please send your child/ren with a home packed lunch that week.

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

Children in Need - Friday 15th November

Non uniform day in Nursery for a suggested donation of £1.

Nursery Christmas Stay and Play Sessions

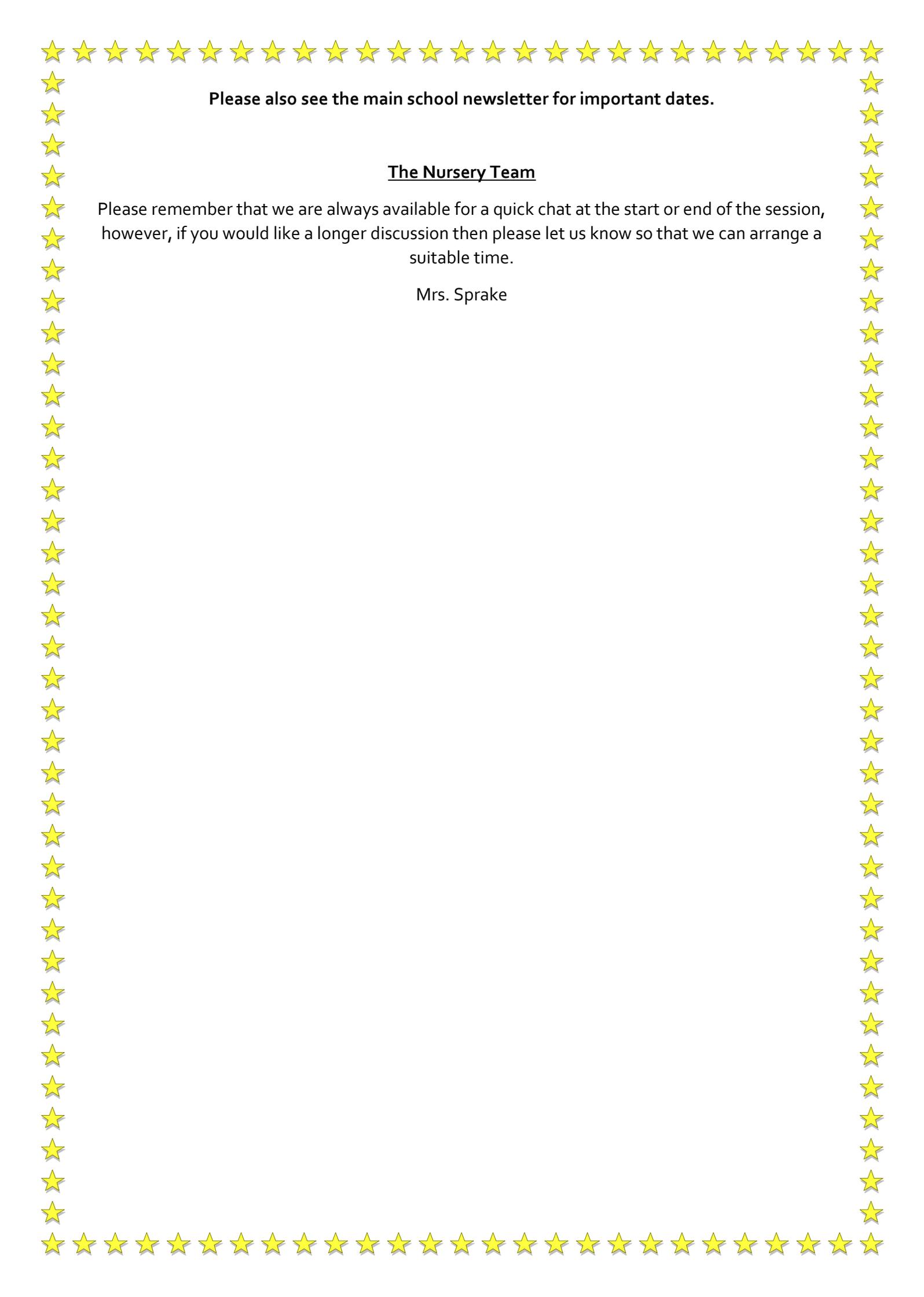
Sign-up sheets will be available at collection time from Monday for these sessions. If you don't collect from Nursery in person please email nursery@ashleighprimary.net to book your place.

Thursday 12th December - 1.45 pm to 2.45pm

Friday 13th December - 10.15 to 11.15 am

Tuesday 17th December - 10.15 to 11.15am

Please sign up for one session only



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