

Ashleigh Nursery

Newsletter



25th September 2020

This week

The children have been helping us to create and enhance our learning environments, we made a new dinosaur area outside and added some more cooking equipment to our mud kitchen! Inside the children explored coloured mixing, by painting each hand a different colour and rubbing their hands together to mix them to make a new colour! They were very excited by this. Their artwork is decorating our classrooms at the moment, hopefully you saw a sneak peek on seesaw. We have also been learning what makes a good listener and joining in with some favourite stories.

Next week

We will begin our first topic "Autumn" which will last for a few weeks. The children will be noticing seasonal changes, celebrating harvest, and looking closely at the natural materials we find all around us at this time of year. If you go for a walk and notice any interesting Autumn artefacts (such as colourful leaves, acorns, conkers, husks, or seeds) please do bring them in and we will look at them more closely!

Nursery teachers

Mrs Sprake works Monday to Wednesday. Mrs Roberts is the class teacher on a Thursday and Friday this year, please do chat to either of us if you have any questions or concerns.

School Money

School Money system is now up and running. You may book and pay for Nursery lunches or make payments for Before/After School Club or Lunch Session invoices.

Children can still choose to bring a packed lunch if they wish to.

Please contact the School office if you have not received a link.

Tapestry

Please look out for an email with sign up instructions sent out the week beginning 28th September. Until then we hope to add some photos to seesaw to let you know what we are up to each day!

Seesaw

If you have not already, you should shortly receive a message on seesaw to facilitate direct messages to the Nursery teachers if needed, we know it is tricky to chat at the moment so please just ask if you have any questions or concerns. This will normally be checked after school between 3.30pm and 5pm each week day. Any urgent messages or messages regarding payments/invoices can be directed to nursery@ashleighprimary.net as this is checked more regularly by Mrs Howard.

3.15pm collection

You will have noticed that we are bringing our bag trolley outside at the end of the day to help with home time. In the event of wet weather this will be under the canopy area just inside the gate to prevent belongings getting wet.

Please do check the trolley. We have a number of unnamed items left behind.

Plastic bottles

The whole school are getting involved in an art project to put together a "gallery of hope" based on responses to the lockdown period and ongoing changes to our lives. The Nursery children will be making simple "messages in a bottle" for the display. If you have any plastic bottles at home heading for recycling please could you bring them in so that we can reuse them for our project.

Don't buy new bottles, we will have spares!

Lost jumper

We are looking for a lost jumper. It is a branded Ashleigh jumper and has the child's name inside. Please could you check items at home to see if your child may have brought it home by mistake. If you do find it please just bring it to one of the Nursery staff so that we can reunite it with its owner.

Gardening donations

If you have had a child at Ashleigh Nursery before you will remember our cooking activities and donation requests. This year, due to current guidelines, we won't be cooking just yet. But we hope to replace this with gardening activities, the children absolutely love our garden and it needs lots of care after the lockdown closure period!

Our plans include starting a wildflower area, bulb planting, revamping our allotment space, creating a herb area in tyre planters, and getting involved in planting seasonal produce on the school farm. If you are able to donate seeds, spring bulbs or even cuttings we would be very grateful for these.

Funding claim forms/Invoices

Early Years Funding Claim forms have been emailed to all families. Please complete and return by **Monday 28th September**. Remember to include a copy of your child's Birth Certificate if we haven't already seen it, thank you.

Invoices for lunch sessions have been emailed to all families.

Session Availability

We have the following permanent spaces available:

Mornings: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

Lunch: Thursday and Friday

Afternoons: Thursday and Friday

Please contact Monica in the school office nursery@ashleighprimary.net for further information.

Learning links at home

- Bring in a plastic bottle
- Go for an Autumn walk and notice seasonal changes (leaves, the weather, the clothes we wear, evenings getting darker etc)
- Play turn taking games at home, we are practicing waiting for our turn at Nursery!

Please also see the main school newsletter for important dates.