

# Ashleigh Nursery

## Newsletter



2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

### This week

We have begun learning about Autumn, thank you for all the wonderful Autumn finds so far, the children really enjoyed exploring them. We enjoyed listening to Autumn stories and exploring leaves, conkers, acorns, and seeds. The children looked very closely at leaves; noticing the lines and colours that they could see. In our independent learning we have explored leaf rubbings, collage using leaves and printing using autumnal colours. In maths this week we have enjoyed counting and counting backwards through number rhymes and songs.

### Next week

We will continue our Autumn topic by going on short walks around the nursery garden and school field to look for signs of Autumn. We will be tuning into sounds next week, listening to environmental sounds and exploring quiet and loud sounds outside. In our maths we will start to learn to count carefully, remembering to point to each object one at a time, go slowly and say each number name as we count.

### Tapestry

Hopefully, you will have received a link to sign up for Tapestry. Tapestry will be used to capture your child's individual learning progress. We will continue to use Seesaw for whole class learning updates. We will begin to add observations from next week.

### 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.

### **Parent consultation phone calls**

You will be able to book an appointment for a phone call from Mrs Sprake or Mrs Roberts through an electronic booking system for parent consultations at the end of this half term.

You will receive an email next week with booking details.

These are usually a chance to discuss how your child has settled at Nursery and any concerns plus some learning ideas for their next steps.

### **Absence**

If your child is unwell, please email or call the school office to let them know on the first morning they will be absent from Nursery.

### **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!

### **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 can donate seeds, spring bulbs or even cuttings we would be very grateful for these.

### Lost jumper

We are looking for a lost jumper. It is a branded Ashleigh age 5 to 6 years 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.

We do have another same sized jumper left here, so we think it may have got muddled.

### School/Nursery photos on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October

Nursery children that do not attend on Tuesdays will have the opportunity to come in at 8:30am if you wish them to have their photo taken that day. Parents would need to wait for the children, and they would leave directly after their photograph.

Please confirm if you will be bringing your child in on this basis to [nursery@ashleighprimary.net](mailto:nursery@ashleighprimary.net)

### 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](mailto:nursery@ashleighprimary.net) for further information.

### Learning links at home

- Play turn taking games at home, we are practising waiting for our turn at Nursery!
- Can you try some careful counting at home – count out cups at dinner time or count your toys – try putting them in a line, is it easier now?
- Every morning now the children come to find their name on the carpet area and pop their name into the basket to show they are here – can you see your name anywhere else at home?

Please also see the main school newsletter for important dates.