

Ashleigh Nursery Newsletter



10th September 2021

Welcome

Firstly, a huge warm welcome to Ashleigh Nursery. We would normally have had a summer meeting so I am sure you all still have lots of questions! I hope to answer some of them here, this newsletter is published on a Friday every week and is sent out from the school office to your email. I realise there is lots of information coming from everywhere at the moment but if you read one thing from Nursery, make it this newsletter as it will hopefully tell you everything you need to know!

Communication

Newsletter – emailed every Friday and is available on the school website
The main school newsletter is also sent out on a Friday - dates of whole school activities such as school photographs and events are published in that letter.

Tapestry – this will be your child's record of learning at Ashleigh Nursery.
These accounts will be set up in the next few weeks, you will receive an email with details of how to set up. At this stage in the term we prioritise getting to know the children and making sure everyone is happy and settled, then we move on to starting Tapestry.

School money – You will be sent an email to log on to School Money to order Nursery lunches.

The **Nursery teachers** are available on the door each morning or on collection, we always have time for a quick chat, but if you need a longer appointment let us know.

Mrs Howard in the school office works every morning and can help with funding, lunches, medical or invoice issues.

Or please email us at nursery@ashleighprimary.net

This week

It has been a great week getting to know all the new children. We were so impressed with how the children came in to Nursery so independently, they have loved exploring all the areas of Nursery and are already making friends and showing us how much they know! This week we have been enjoying stories, songs and coming together to learn our “hello” and “good bye” songs. The children have been learning our Nursery rules – use walking feet, kind hands, share with our friends, take turns and look after the classroom.

Next week

Next week we will use the children’s ‘All about me’ books to talk about ourselves, friends and things we like to do. We will begin learning some number rhymes to support early maths skills.

Sun cream

In hot weather please apply sun cream before coming in to Nursery, and provide a sun hat. We do have some spare hats, and we are lucky to have a very shady garden to play in when it gets too hot so we can manage the time children spend in the sun.

Jewellery and shoes

Jewellery should not be worn to nursery please.
Please send children in Velcro shoes with a closed toe, this helps prevent trips and bumps.

Belongings

Please name absolutely everything that comes to Nursery including spare clothes, plastic lunch boxes etc.

Water

A named bottle of water should be brought to school daily for drinking throughout the day. Bottles should contain water only – not squash or fruit juice.

Don’t worry if your child comes home with a full bottle – we are refilling these, especially in the hot weather.

Packed lunches

- If children are having packed lunch they will need a suitable box or bag which should be named. Please provide a spoon if your child has yoghurt.
- Please ensure that drink bottles do not leak. No fizzy drinks.
- We are a **nut free school** so please do not send any form of nuts into school, including peanut butter, we do have children with specific allergies.
- We are a 'Healthy School'. No sweets please.. If you need advice on lunches please ask Mrs Sprake or Mrs Roberts.

Key person

All children in Butterfly room have Mrs Roberts as their key person, all children in Dragonfly room have Mrs Sprake as their key person. In practice all the children get to work with all the staff but please see Mrs Sprake or Mrs Roberts if you would like any specific information or have any concerns about your child's learning and development.

The school farm and chickens

We will begin small group sessions on the school farm soon. Please ensure your child has a pair of named wellies in school as it can get quite messy and muddy.

Gates

From Monday our gates should hopefully be unlocking automatically at start and pick up times. Please try the gate to see if it is open

Collection

Thank you for your patience at the beginning and end of sessions, we know this takes some time as we let the children in/out slowly and pass on messages. We will get quicker as we get to know everyone.

Claim forms and lunch invoices

Early Years Funding Claim forms will be issued to all families next week. Please complete and return by **Tuesday 28th September**.

Invoices for lunch sessions will also be sent out via School Money by the end of next week. The email/text will contain further details on how to pay.

Learning links at home

- Can you sing our Hello song to your grown up?
- Talk about our Nursery rules and think about whether you have similar rules at home to keep you safe. Our Nursery rules are;
 - We take turns
 - We walk in Nursery
 - We listen to each other
 - We share our toys
 - We use kind hands, feet and words
 - We keep our Nursery tidy
- We have a home art board in Nursery – could you draw/paint/collage a picture for our Nursery wall?

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

Please also see the main school newsletter for important dates.