

# Ashleigh Nursery

## Newsletter



8<sup>th</sup> October 2021

### **This week**

The children enjoyed learning more about Autumn, we spotted apples on the trees, berries, seeds and leaves. The children developed their fine motor skills making clay hedgehogs. This week we have also continued our daily phonics learning. This starts with tuning in to environmental sounds and learning to listen carefully. In maths this week we have been learning to count small quantities accurately – ask the children what helps us to do careful counting? (put objects in a line if you can, go slowly, point to each object in turn, then say the number name as you count). We have also been encouraging independent skills such as putting coats on, we were impressed with how many children could put their coat on themselves – so please do keep up the great work at home, the children are very proud when they can do it!

Thank you for all the wonderful Autumn leaves, seeds, conkers etc that you have brought in from home. The children have been absolutely fascinated by these!

### **Next week**

We will explore Autumn fruits and vegetables, the children will learn to look closely to notice small details and find seeds.

### **Books of the week**

School Time for Sammy  
It's The Bear  
Postman Bear  
The Last Noo-Noo

### **Tapestry**

Tapestry is now up and running, hopefully you will have received, or will shortly receive an initial settling observation for your child. Each week we will add an overview of the learning from the week to prompt discussions at home – we know that many children find it hard to express or remember what they have been doing at Nursery, and our aim is that Tapestry enables you to start those conversations about learning!

### **Gardening donations**

If anyone has any spare Spring bulbs, we would be very grateful for donations. Bulb planting is a long-standing tradition in Nursery and we plant up containers and old wellies to make the outside areas look lovely in Spring.

### **Mobile phones**

If you come into the classroom in the morning with your child, please make sure you do not have a mobile phone in your pocket or bag.

### **School photographs**

The school photographers are here next Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October. Our photo slot is 8.45am, please arrive at 8.30 that day so that we have time to get over to the main school for our slot.

If your child is not usually at Nursery that day but you would like them to have a photograph taken, a member of staff will take them across to the main school for photographs and bring them back to you if you wait by the gate (this could take about 40 minutes). **Please email [nursery@ashleighprimary.net](mailto:nursery@ashleighprimary.net) to let us know if you are bringing your child in so that we can manage numbers.**

### **Kett's books session Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October**

You should have received a flyer by email yesterday about the "Book Tasting" sessions being hosted by Kett's Books at Ashleigh next week. Nursery children and their parents can attend the book taster event after school on Monday. This will be held in the library area by the main school hall (ask staff for directions from Nursery if needed!). Email [nursery@ashleighprimary.net](mailto:nursery@ashleighprimary.net) if you need further information.

### **Bags and shoes**

Please make sure all bags are clearly named with the child's name on the **outside** of the bag, we have several identical bags of various colours!

Please make sure your child wears shoes to Nursery that they can take on and off themselves, laces are not suitable for Nursery as they come undone and frequently cause trips. Thank you for your support with this.

### **Available sessions**

We currently have the following permanent sessions available:

**8.30 am to 11.30 am:** Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday

**11.30 am to 12.15 pm:** Monday/Wednesday only

**12.15 pm to 3.15 pm:** Monday, Wednesday/Thursday only

Please contact Monica in the school office at [nursery@ashleighprimary.net](mailto:nursery@ashleighprimary.net) for further information.

### **Learning links at home**

Have fun making as many different animal noises as you can in one minute!  
Can you make a picture from Autumn materials and bring it in for our Autumn display?  
Practise counting accurately some objects at home – which number can you count to without going wrong?!

Can you put your coat on all by yourself?

**Please also see the main school newsletter for important dates.**