

Ashleigh Nursery

Newsletter



7th January 2022

This week

We have enjoyed seeing the children and hearing their Christmas stories! It was wonderful to see the children look so happy as they settled quickly back into routines and caught up with friends.

We introduced next week's topic by reading 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. We used the story to talk about how the different characters felt as the story progressed

Next Week

We will be beginning our 'Bear Topic' on Monday. This will begin with a Bear themed book hunt in our library, where the children will be looking for fiction and non-fiction books relating to the theme.

We will be using a lot of oats, talking about them, feeling them, noticing changes when they are cooked, stirring water into them in the outside kitchen, maybe making oat sandcastles!

On Wednesday we plan to demonstrate a simple porridge recipe, and encourage the children to look at how the oats change throughout the process, finishing with a taste test. All children will have their own cup and spoon provided. We will of course make sure the porridge is at a safe temperature before they eat.

We will offer stewed apples, chopped apples, raisins and honey as a tasty sweet topping. Children who follow a dairy-free diet, will have the same experience but we will use water to make the porridge.

We will repeat the activity on Thursday afternoon for any children who do not attend on Wednesdays.

If you have any questions or concerns please email nursery@ashleighprimary.net

As ever, if your child has any new dietary needs, please contact us.

Ashleigh Guiding stars

Every week, children across the school who demonstrate Ashleigh Star qualities, will be given a Golden ticket, and their names will be added into the Head Teacher's Gold Book and into a weekly prize draw to win book vouchers for our local bookshop, Ketts Books.

In Nursery we will be displaying our Guiding Stars in the classrooms, talking about what they mean, how we demonstrate these behaviours and noticing and congratulating children when they shine like Ashleigh Stars. Our stars are:

Kindness to yourself and others

Conversation starters: How does our behaviour affect others? What does it feel like when someone shows you kindness? What does good manners look like? What does it feel like to feel part of a group?

We keep everyone safe

Conversation starters: Why do we have 'smart sitting' at circle time? What do we do when we don't feel safe? Why do we tidy up before lunchtime?

We keep trying

What things have we learnt to do since being a baby? What things would we like to do? How do we get better at things? What does it feel like when things go wrong? What can we do with our feelings?



Home learning

In the event your child needs to isolate, the Learning links at home section below, will help with continuity of curriculum.

Learning links at home

Oats! An easy porridge recipe

1/2 cup rolled porridge oats

1 cup milk

Toppings of your choice (maple syrup, golden syrup, honey, chopped fruit, dried fruit, cinnamon, banana)

Mix thoroughly. Microwave for 2 1/2 minutes, stir, microwave for a further 2 minutes, Allow to cool, temperature test before giving to a child, maybe add more cold milk / water, add toppings!

You could try adding salt (some people like a salty porridge)

What else can you do with oats? Flapjacks? Fruit Crumble toppings?

Use a bowlful of oats initially dry and add in small amounts of water, until it is soupy. Talk about the feeling of it. Slimy? Crumbly? What happens if you leave it outside on a frosty night?

Use measuring jugs and other kitchen implements to spoon the oats from one container to the next. Which holds the most? Count the scoops as you go, if you take the oats out, can you count backwards?

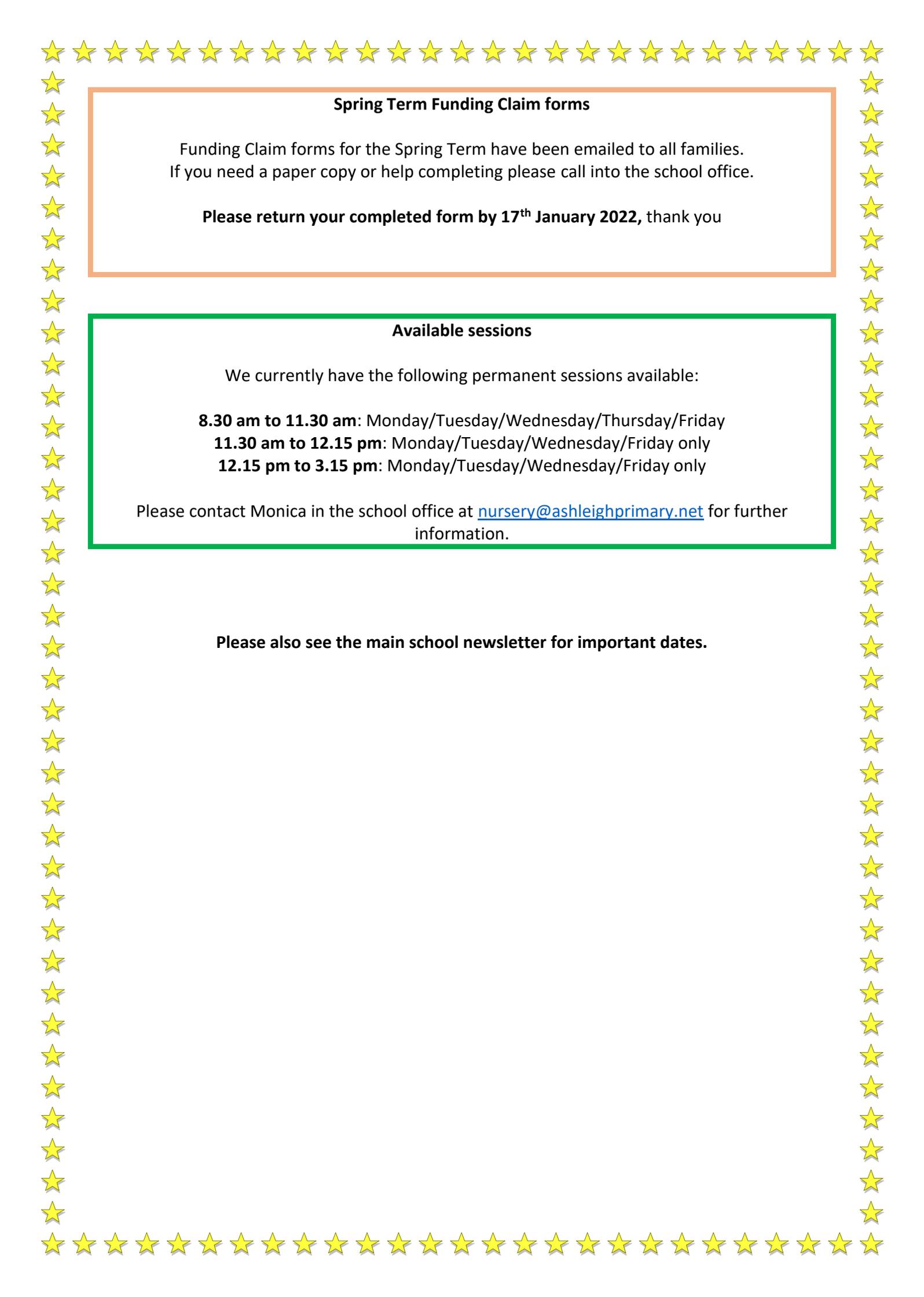
Use teddies and toys to re-enact the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. Talk about why she entered the bear's house. Was this safe? Why did she try their furniture and eat their food? How did the bears feel when they got home? What happened next? Make up a sequel to the story! What did the bears do in Goldilocks's house? Use her hairbrush?! Eat her bananas?

Teddy bears' picnic. Make lunch super fun with an indoor floor picnic. Invite teddies and toys, practise taking it in turns to 'pour the tea', count out sandwiches, and remind the teddies to say their pleases and thank yous!

Discuss our Ashleigh Guiding Stars at home: Being safe, Being kind and Trying your best.

Message from Mrs Lynch

I have really enjoyed my first few days as Official Nursery Teacher. I am getting to know the children as quickly as I can, and of course Parents and Carers too. Thank you for bearing with me if I take a bit longer matching Parents / Carers to children at going home time!



Spring Term Funding Claim forms

Funding Claim forms for the Spring Term have been emailed to all families.
If you need a paper copy or help completing please call into the school office.

Please return your completed form by 17th January 2022, thank you

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/Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday only

12.15 pm to 3.15 pm: Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday only

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

Please also see the main school newsletter for important dates.