

Ash Grove Nursery Newsletter



Welcome and Welcome back

Welcome back. We hope you have had a fun and restful break.

We would like to say a big 'welcome' to the families that have joined us recently and we are very happy and proud to say that your children are settling well; beginning to learn the Nursery routines and to join us in play.



Seasons

We are continuing our learning about the seasons and we will be exploring our local environment to experience the weather and look out for signs of Spring.

As we talk about what we experience, we will learn new vocabulary and practise our speaking and listening skills.

We have enjoyed the perfect rainy weather to put on our splash suits and wellies, play in the downpours and splash in the puddles!

We are pleased to announce that the spring bulbs we planted in winter have started to peep out of the soil and are bringing lovely white and yellow colors to our garden!

Outdoor play

Work continues on our very own Sensory Garden.

We have been clearing our growing beds and tubs in the garden, ready to plant new sensory plants, fruits and vegetables. If you have any of these in your garden, we would be very grateful of any cuttings. Thank you.

Mr Bennett is currently building a new sand pit and planters for us and is also recycling our old wooden climbing frame to make balance beams.

We are so excited and keen to help him! However, we are not sure whether he feels the same!



Our Love of Books Text
and other focus books for this half term are



Kindness Makes us Strong
by Sophie Beer



Owl Babies
by Martin Waddell



My Mum is Fantastic
by Nick Butterworth



Jasper's Beanstalk
by Nick Butterworth



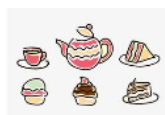
Jack and the Beanstalk
Nick Sharratt

Mothers Day Afternoon Tea.

To mark Mothering Sunday, our Nursery Children would like to invite their Mummies, Nannies and Aunties to join us for tea and cake on

Tuesday 12th March 24 from 2pm until 3pm.

Please let us know if you are able to attend
by returning the slip on your invitation



Words and Signs

Communication is key but isn't always easy. At Ash Grove we understand this and want to support all of our children to communicate, so that they can play an active part in their learning, share ideas, make choices and build relationships. To support this all of our staff have been trained to use Makaton and use sign alongside key words to support our children's understanding and communication.

We have been learning the Makaton signs for

More



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Remember - Always sign and say together
Go slow and show

Milk



This sign is
for Milk

Water



Water (Z) (drink of)

Please



Thank you



Toast



It would be great if you could encourage your child to use signs alongside their words at home. There are some illustrations below to help you. If you are not sure about a sign, please ask a member of staff to show you.

If you would be interested in joining us for a signing workshop to learn some of the signs we use, please let us know and we will arrange this.

Stay and Play Sessions

Thank you to all of the parents that have joined us at our Nursery Rhyme Stay and Play Sessions. The sessions will continue and are on

Tuesday at 9am - 10am and 12.20pm until 1.20pm

Please join us if you can for a relaxed nursery rhyme themed play and singalong.

News Board

As most of you know, we have a 'News Board' in Nursery, where we display our news once we have shared it with our friends. This can be news of something we have achieved, such as a medal for dance or a certificate for swimming; it can be sharing a photograph or drawing of somewhere we have been or a family celebration such as a new baby or a trip to the dentist.

Sharing News in this way supports our children's speech and language and personal social and emotional development; self-esteem and confidence.

If you have a photo (or two!) of something your child has been doing, that you would like to share, please send it to dsherratt@ashgrove.cheshire.sch.uk or hand it to a member of staff with a short explanation and we will be thrilled to support your child to share their news and display it on the news board. Thank you so much.

A Little Note

Please could children have wellies and indoor shoes at school each day and could these please be named. This will ensure that children's shoes are not being ruined by the mud and rain when playing outside and that the children can play inside and access our soft and carpeted areas comfortably.

Our supply of legging, socks and underwear is very low at the moment, which means that we are unable to provide dry clothes if your child has an accident. Could children please have spare clothes (named) in Nursery, including leggings and underwear in case of accidents.

