



Ashgate Nursery January Newsletter

Learning at Ashgate

This half term we will be focusing settling back into school and making new friends. We will be looking at the signs of winter and exploring the grounds to see how this affects us. Our core book will be Goldilocks and the Three Bears (in 3s and 4s) and Dear Zoo (in 2s). As always at the start of a term we will continue to focus on the rules of Nursery and on behaviour.



We love to find out about the things that your child has been up to at home. Please remember to have a go at the challenge on the back of this newsletter.

If you would like to find out more about what we are up to in nursery then please speak to any member of staff.

Welcome to Miss Kate Gregory

We are excited to welcome Kate to our team. She is an experienced teaching assistant who will be working with the 3s/4s.

Coffee and cake

We would like to invite all parents/carers to join us at 9am or 12.30pm on Wednesday 18th January for coffee and cake. This is a chance to meet other families, have a chat, share ideas or just unwind and have a coffee. Please come and join us.

Physical Week

We will be holding a physical week on 30.1.17 to 3.2.17 and would love parents to come and join in the fun on Wednesday 1st February.

Happy New Year

Welcome back after what I hope was a lovely Christmas and may I wish you all the very best for 2017. I would also like to welcome our new children and families who will be starting at Ashgate this term.

REMINDER!

The last date for applying for a school place is the 15.1.17, please do not forget. Could you also let the office know your first choice school please?

Baby news

We are very excited to announce that Mrs Emma Wood is expecting her first baby, due in July. I'm sure you will join me in wishing her a happy and healthy pregnancy.

Attendance

Last term our attendance was 87%, this is 8% below national expectation. Please work with us to get your child to school every day so that they can make great progress. On a more positive note, 9 children gained certificates for 100% attendance last term. Let's see if we can beat this by Easter.

Our library books

Our school library is full of exciting books, including fairy tales, early readers and children's favourites. Wednesday is library day, please bring your book bag and change your book. If your child does not attend on a Wednesday we are able to swap books any day.



Derby Museum

Throughout January, Derby museum has an interactive exhibition of children's television from 1946 to present day. See everything from The Wombles to Rastamouse. A great free day out and certainly worth a visit.



Dates for your diary

- 5.1.17 - Start of the new term
- 18.1.17 – Coffee and cake at 9am/12.30pm
- 30.1.17-3.2.17 – Physical week
- 1.2.17 – Parents activity day