



Term: Autumn Term
Date: 15th September 2023

Ashworth Nursery School

Where Happy Children Learn

Upcoming dates

Friday 20th October -
Nursery school closes for
half term

Monday 30th October -
Nursery school is closed
for a staff training day

Tuesday 31st October -
Nursery school re-opens at
8.30am

Monday 15th November -
National Nursery Rhyme
Week

Thursday 21st December -
Nursery school closes for
the Christmas holidays

Friday 22nd December -
Staff training day

Monday 8th January 2024
- Nursery school re-opens
at 8.30am

WELCOME BACK

A message from Mrs Jackson

Dear families,

I would like to thank you all for the warm welcome I have received. It has been a pleasure to meet you all over the last two weeks and to get to know you all. The children who were at Ashworth Nursery School last term have settled back in well and they have enjoyed seeing the staff and their friends again. The new children who have started have settled in very well and it has been lovely to see them joining in and playing happily. It has been a lovely calm start to the year.

Thank you for your kind words and support,

Mrs Jackson

Meet the team

I am delighted to introduce Miss Chopdat as our Nursery teacher. Some of you may know Miss Chopdat from her time here previously. She will be with us for the full year and she is keen to help develop our nursery provision.

Mrs Campbell is one of our teaching assistants and she likes to be creative. One day a week, Mrs Campbell will be the Nursery teacher while Miss Chopdat has her planning time out.

Mrs Patel is a Level 3 Teaching Assistant. She enjoys being outdoors and working with the children in the creative area. Over the next week, we will be putting the children into Key Person Groups - more information to follow.

Learning

This half term we are learning all about ourselves under the theme 'Who am I?' This week we have practised naming parts of the body and made faces with the playdough. We have used mirrors to look at ourselves and make pictures in the creative and mark making areas.

Our focus text this week has been 'The Colour Monster'.



At home

Play the game 'Simon says' - Simon says, can you touch your nose? Simon says, can you touch your toes?

Challenge: can your child find their elbow, wrist, shoulder?

Attendance

Thank you to all the parents who support our attendance target of 97%. Excellent attendance at Ashworth Nursery School for all children is required and expected. Children should not miss their learning unless absolutely necessary. We are delighted that so many children come to Nursery School everyday.

Did you know....

We have 190 school days.

190 opportunities for learning.

190 days 100% EXCELLENT	8 days absence and lost learning 182 days 97% VERY GOOD	19 days absence and lost learning	29 days absence and lost learning	38 days absence and lost learning	48 days absence and lost learning
		171 days 90% POOR Worrying.	161 days 85% VERY POOR	152 days 80% VERY POOR	142 75% SERIOUS CONCERNS
This is the best chance of success. Get your child off to a flying start. You should be aiming for 97% and above.		Less chance of success. Needs to try harder to make progress.	Serious concerns. Not fair on your child :(

175 non- school days in a year means 175 days for family time including holidays.

Parents of children with poor attendance will be invited to meet with the Headteacher to discuss strategies to improve attendance.

Communication

We will continue to send out Newsletters at regular intervals throughout each term. Please make a note of the important information. In addition, you can find Ashworth Nursery School website by scanning this QR code here:



Please also follow our Facebook page by scanning this QR code here:



Lots of updates will come through Facebook in particular and it is a good way of finding out what goes on.



Uniform Reminder

It is expected that children wear full uniform and arrive smart and ready to learn. As the weather is changing, children also need a warm waterproof coat in Nursery School everyday.



Please make sure all items of clothing have a 'stick in' name label
(Please see Miss Barrow in the school office about how to order stick in labels).



School Fund Reminder

Please pay any outstanding school fund as soon as possible. We provide a variety of locally sourced, healthy snacks at nursery. Please remember to give your weekly donation of £2 to cover the cost. This money makes a HUGE difference and is also used for extra activities such as cooking, to purchase resources and to pay for fun activities. Without school fund, such activities will not be possible.