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We hope you all had a lovely Easter break... it seems so long ago now!

Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets for the Easter hampers - you raised £50 for school funds.

The Summer Term is probably the busiest in the school calendar with lots of lovely opportunities for the children...

Zoo Lab - Wednesday 27th March... the children loved holding all the different creepy crawlies... the children were keen to explore and find out more about the creatures - they demonstrated their 'can do' attitude when holding and touching them.

Swimming - Wednesdays... the children continue to love their weekly swimming lessons and they're making great progress! Our last session this term will be Wednesday 3rd July.

Ladies Day Stay and play sessions - Monday 25th and Friday 29th March... many thanks to those who were able to come along and for your lovely feedback, we constantly reflect on what we do and love to hear and about what else you would like to see in Nursery.

Toddler group meets on a Monday afternoons from 12.45pm - 2.15pm. The children can play with our resources and take part in creative activities, stories and rhymes. The cost is £1 per child and the children can have a snack and drink. Refreshments are available for the adults. All welcome!

This term, Abbie from Boogiebeat will be coming along to some of the sessions too.

'School Readiness and Phonics' workshops... Mrs Staines held sessions on **Tuesday 30th April and Thursday 2nd May** for parents/carers of children who will be leaving us in July to start Primary School. She shared tips which will help the children to have a smooth transition. If you weren't able to make the session, an envelope of resources is available, please speak to Mrs Staines if you haven't picked yours up yet. We have already invited staff from all of the Primary Schools to come and see the children in Nursery and some have been to visit already.

Boogiebeat... Abbie from Boogiebeat will be coming into Nursery this term on a Monday morning and Friday afternoon. Boogiebeat music and movement sessions are based on traditional fairy tales and nursery rhymes with a lively and active dance twist. The children loved the first session last Friday - we have some very talented dancers! ☺

Art project at King James 1st Academy (Monday afternoons for 3 weeks) Some of our older children have been invited to take part in a mini art project at King James Academy. We have secured places for those who managed to get the paperwork handed back in before the deadline date. It will be quite an adventure, travelling on the bus and visiting the Art department.

Stay and Play sessions... this time we are going to have a Maths focus for our sessions on **Tuesday 11th June (10-11.30am)** and **Thursday 13th June (1pm - 2.30pm)** and although any family member are very welcome to come along, with it being so close to Fathers' Day, we would like to encourage Dads, Stepdads, Grandads and Uncles to come and have a play! Please let us know by signing the door on the sheet.

Big Purple Playbus... on **Monday 17th June** the Big Purple Playbus will be here for the day. If your child doesn't usually come to Nursery on a Monday, your child is still very welcome to come and join in the fun. Pop in the office and we will allocate you a convenient time slot. Our toddlers will also be able to access

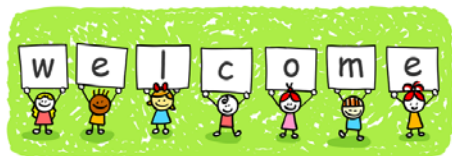
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Over the last few weeks new friends have joined us. A very warm welcome to Elijah, Joseph, Jensen, Lewis, Carter and Molly - we hope you will be very happy here!



Belated birthday wishes to Lucas Mc, Noah and Joey who celebrated their birthdays in April and many happy returns to Elliott, Mary, William, John-Thomas, Malaki and Millie who have May birthdays. We hope you have all had a lovely time.

On behalf of staff and children, I would like to say a very big 'thank you' for your donations to school fund. As well as providing the children's daily healthy snacks, you paid towards 'Zoo Lab' to come and visit us. We have also bought resources for the mud kitchen, onion and potato bulbs (to plant) flowers and soil as well as fish food for Shadow!

Please can you help us to keep accurate records for auditing purposes by ticking your child's name on the sheet? (Mickey Mouse money box and black folder in Main nursery).

Your child's safety is very important to us... please avoid driving down the approach to the school as this puts other children and parents at risk. Also, please be mindful of our neighbours when parking - the lay-bys cause least disruption.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Toddler group at Aclet Close Nursery School

It has been almost a year since we started our Toddler group. We have really loved getting to know new families and some of the children attend our Nursery now. ☺

The sessions take place on Mondays from 12.45pm - 2.15pm and the cost is just £1 for children over 1 year old. If you have any friends or family members with little ones, they are very welcome to come along.

Dates for your diary...

Thurs 23rd May - School closed for elections - please see separate letter for details

Fri 24th May - We break up for half term

Mon 3rd June - School reopens after half term

Tues 11th (10-11.30am) and Thursday 13th June (1-2.30pm) - Stay and play sessions

Mon 17th June - Big Purple Playbus here

Weds 3rd July - Last swimming lessons

Fri 5th July - trip to Hancock museum to see Dippy the dinosaur

Wednesday 10th July - Family Seaside Day. We have secured a grant that will pay for each child and one parent per family to travel on the bus to South Shields for free. More details to follow. ☺

Weds 17th July - Mini graduation for children leaving us to start Primary School at Woodhouse Close Church at 10.30am

Thurs 18th July - school closes for Summer

GOVERNOR NEWS...

Governors are delighted to congratulate Mrs Jenkins, Mrs Staines and Mrs Beal who have all completed and passed 'Understanding children and young people's mental health' training with Learning Curve, a local training provider.

Did you know that subject to meeting certain criteria, you could complete training for free, With 36 courses to choose from, there's something for everyone. Mrs Jenkins would be happy to point you in the right direction if you are interested.

This month Miss Marley has been monitoring Early Years Pupil Premium funding spending. Both committees as well as the Full Governing Body will be meeting this term.

We still have 2 parent vacancies; please speak to Mrs Jenkins if you are interested.