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We hope you all had a lovely Easter break.

A big '**THANK YOU**' to families who joined us for our Easter Egg hunt last month; it was lovely to see you all... we appreciate it was a very short activity. Next year we thought we could also include some Easter crafts.

We are very excited to hatch our very own chicks; we have organised the incubator and eggs to arrive in Nursery this week.

#### Farm Visits

This month all children will have the opportunity to visit the farm. Children attending our 3s and 4s provision will be spending a day at Hall Hill Farm in Lanchester, whilst our youngest children will visit Harry's Farm in Ramshaw. This will provide the children with many learning opportunities as well as being good fun.

We now have the required number of adults to accompany the children, thank you to all who volunteered to support us.



#### Working with partners in the local community and charities

This month we are supporting **Butterwick Hospice, Bishop Auckland** by filling as many plastic sacks of donations as we can for this very worthy cause. The van will come to collect the bags on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 2pm**. We will let you know where to leave them on the day; unfortunately, we don't have anywhere to store them before this date. You are welcome to take more sacks if you can fill them.

Miss Newton's photography based project has now been completed and we are awaiting confirmation from a venue in the local area to exhibit the children's work. We will look forward to celebrating their successes with you and will let you know as soon as we can.

Thank you for your feedback regarding the Easter cards. You told us that you appreciated the opportunity to buy more photographs - over £200 was raised which will be used to buy cameras that can be used by children and staff.



*A very warm welcome to Logan and Xzavier who will be joining our 2 year olds' provision and Nathan, Izabella, Edie and Anna who will be joining us in our 3 & 4 year olds' provision; exciting times ahead!*



The following children will be celebrating their birthdays this month. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Harry T, Joe, Anthony and Millie who will all be 4 years old as well as Annie who will be 3.

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The book fair last month was a great success. You bought enough books for us to be able to earn commission... this was a lovely surprise - we were able to select £83 worth of books that will be used for birthday gifts for the children. Thank you ☺

On behalf of staff and children I would like to say a very big 'thank you' for your donations to school fund.

We have bought:

- Our daily healthy snacks
- The 'hatching chicks' incubator hire
- Medals for the Easter Egg hunt
- Cameras



## Wish List

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. (We have an agreement in place for you to use the Aclet Public House car park)

Thank you for your continuing support.

**LOST PROPERTY...** We have quite a few items of lost property in our box in the office. Please check there is nothing belonging to your child.

### We need your help!

Do you have any of the items on our wish list at home and don't need them anymore?

We can use these items to extend and challenge the children's learning:

- Fabric
- Cotton reels
- Small pebbles



A big **THANK YOU** to Gregory's of Bishop Auckland, who once again supplied the pies and cakes for our 'Special Ladies' tea, they were delicious!

**Dates for your diary...**  
Nursery will be closed for polling day on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May.**  
We break up for half term on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May.**  
We return on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June** (we have a training day on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June**)

At the end of this month, we will say 'Good bye' to Mrs Spark, our Assistant Head Teacher. She will be taking up her well-deserved promotion at a Primary School in South Tyneside. She has worked at Aclet Close Nursery School for over 5 years and will be greatly missed. I know you will join our team in wishing Mrs Spark every success and good luck in her new role.

Governors are working behind the scenes to appoint a Deputy Head Teacher for September... Mrs Spark has very big shoes to fill!

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