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Welcome to our December newsletter...

The last half term has been a very busy one with lots of opportunities and new experiences for the children. Our Nursery is now looking very Christmassy and we are glad that you are loving this year's Christmas cards. Miss Newton is a very talented photographer and all funds raised will be spent on the children.

Thank you for your feedback from our Spooky stay and play and Parent/Carer consultations... the team are delighted with your very positive comments.

On behalf of Governors and staff, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

More new friends have joined us... a very warm welcome to Charlie and Grayson who have joined our main nursery for 3 and 4 year olds and Enna, Laila M, Georgie and Isla, who have joined our 2 year old provision.

In January we will be welcoming Alfie, Olly, Kaiden and Kaydee-Rose - we hope you will all be very happy here at Aclet Close Nursery - exciting times ahead!

We also very proud of Joseph who will be moving through to our main Nursery next month.



We would like to wish a Happy Birthday to Charleigh-Anne (4), Mrs Hughes and Louis (4) who will be celebrating their birthdays in December.

Working with partners in the local community/Charity work

The children enjoyed the Roald Dahl party food and games that we won through **Vision Education's** writing competition. We were really impressed with the children's outfits - we have some very creative Mums, Dads and families!

Thanks to your generosity, we raised £54.87 for **Children in Need**. Our aim was to cover Pudsey bear's head and we just about managed.

We also had our collection box and poppy items from the **British Legion**. The box has been collected though we don't have a total amount raised yet. The children watched a short animation clip from Cbeebies (www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/poppies) and we were thrilled that even our youngest children were able to sit quietly for a short time.

Do you know a family or friend who has a two or three year old? Our room for two year olds is full at the moment but we will have one or two spaces when some of the children move through to the main Nursery in January and February. Some families, depending on their circumstances can apply to have 15 hours of free education. (All 3 and 4 year olds are automatically entitled to 15 hours) We also have a few afternoon or 2 and a half days places for the back end of the week. Families are always very welcome to pop in for a tour. Word of mouth is still the most popular way that families find us... thank you very much for recommending us.

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On behalf of staff and children, I would like to say a very big 'thank you' for your voluntary donations to school fund. You have paid for the children's healthy daily snacks as well as resources to make diva lamps and curry during Diwali and the children also had a great time preparing and cooking a fish. School fund is also subsidising our trips to see Santa at Shildon Railway Museum and the Christmas Party.

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.

School uniform...

is optional and available from Cre8tive (12 Peel Street, Bishop Auckland. Tel: 664097). You can call in the shop at your own convenience throughout the year. Business cards are available from the office. Our school colours are red or navy blue.

If you haven't already organised your child's Christmas cards... staff tell me that in the past children have sent just one card to all children and staff. Hope this will save you some time and money. 😊

Dates for your diary

- Monday 5th - Thursday 15th December: Scholastic book fair (a chance to stock up on Christmas prezzies)
- Tuesday 6th December: Trip to see Santa at Shildon Railway Museum (those that have booked only)
- Wednesday 14th December at 10.30am: Christmas performance followed by mince pies, drinks and raffle
- Thursday 15th December: Christmas jumper day in aid of Save the Children (£1 optional donation)
- Friday 16th December 9am - 11am: Christmas Party at Bamboozles Soft Play
- On Friday 16th December we break up and return to school on Tuesday 3rd January.

This month is a busy one! The children are working hard, practising the songs for our Christmas production on **Wednesday 14th at 10.30am**. Afterwards we will have mince pies and drinks which have been kindly donated by Cllr John Lethbridge. We will draw our raffle straight after the performance. (Tickets are 50p each, on sale from the office and there is a free one attached to this newsletter. Please write your child's name on the back and pop it in the box in the cloakroom) The prizes are 4 hampers - Christmas, food, drinks and sweet treats. Thank you for all donations received.

GOVERNOR NEWS...

At the end of this term we will be saying 'Good Bye' to Mrs Rees who has been teaching long term on a supply basis. Governors would like to say THANK YOU and wish Mrs Rees all the best with the next steps in her career.

(Mrs Staines, our new Deputy Head Teacher will take up her role from January)

Last month, Mrs Morgans supported Mrs Jenkins with a Safeguarding audit which has helped us prepare for a forthcoming visit from the Local Authority.

Mrs Courtney has visited to discuss how our Early Years Pupil Premium has been spent and the impact on the children that took part in the BLAST project.

Are you passionate about young children's development and have skills/experiences that could help us? We still need to appoint 2 new Parent Governors. The minimal commitment is one meeting per term with crèche provided for children. Please speak to Mrs Jenkins for more information if you are interested.

Lisa Jenkins Head Teacher

