

February 2017



You're invited!

Would you like to stay and play?

On **Wednesday 8th February** we will be taking part in lots of creative activities to celebrate Valentine's Day. We would love you to come and join us.

9.15am - 10.30am and 12.45pm - 2pm.

(Please 'sign up' on the sheet on the office door)

Working with partners in the local community

Our three and four year olds are really enjoying their visits to **Woodhouse Close Library**. Not only are the children loving the stories, they are also having great discussions about what they see on their journey and learning about crossing roads safely. We would be grateful if you could complete the written permission, if you haven't already.

In preparation for World Book Day on 2nd March, we will be having a **Scholastic book fair** in school from Monday 6th - Friday 10th February at the beginning and end of each session. The children will be able to use their £1 voucher on any book priced £2.99 upwards.

Would you like the opportunity to have a say about services and activities being delivered in your local area? **Woodhouse Close Children's Centre** staff are hosting a 'Cake, coffee and chat' session, here at Aclet Close Nursery School, on Thursday 9th March between 11am and 12 noon.



A very warm welcome to Henry who will be joining our 2 year olds' provision and Hailie-Marie who will be joining our 3 & 4 year olds' provision this month. We are also very proud of John-Joe and Laila G who will be moving through to our main Nursery. Exciting times ahead!



The following children will be celebrating their birthdays this month. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Sienna and Ayden who will be 4 years old and John-Joe and Laila G who will be turning 3.

Do you know a family or friend who has a two, three or four 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. 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.

Lisa Jenkins Headteacher

On behalf of staff and children we would like to say a very big 'thank you' for your donations to school fund. This month you have bought:

- Daily healthy snacks
- Resources to celebrate Chinese New Year, including foods to taste



This month the children have been learning about similarities and differences through the celebration of Chinese New Year. They have watched a short video clip about traditions and have 'painted' a blossom picture, been creative with red, gold and black paper, played in the Chinese restaurant and have had the opportunity to taste Chinese foods including stir fry, noodles, bean sprouts, spring rolls and prawn crackers.

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.

We need your help!

This year we have registered with Sainsbury's Active Kids. Please collect and bring your Sainsbury's vouchers to Nursery right up until 2nd May.

We can swap the vouchers for outdoor resources that will provide lots more lovely learning opportunities for your children. I wonder how many we can collect!

Safer Internet Day is on 7th February. This year the theme is 'Be the change: unite for a better internet'. We support and promote safe and responsible use of technology for young people. More information is available at:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2017>

Dates for your diary

- Wed 8th Feb: Valentine's Stay and play sessions (please 'sign up')
- Fri 17th Feb: Break up for half term holiday (Have fun!)
- Mon 27th Feb: Children return to Nursery
- Thurs 9th Mar at 11am: Cake, coffee and chat with Children's Centre staff
- March date to be confirmed: 'Special Ladies day' to celebrate Mothering Sunday

GOVERNOR NEWS...

Are you interested in children's education and development?

We currently have 2 vacancies on our governing body. The most important qualities for being a governor are **enthusiasm, commitment and an interest in education**. You don't need teaching experience, but it's useful to bring skills from other areas of your life. Governors meet each term and you can join one or two **sub-committees** - these cover different areas like the curriculum, finance or buildings. Please call in for an informal chat with Mrs Jenkins if you would like more information.

This month Governors have been interviewing candidates for our temporary position of office administrator. We hope that Mrs Buttle will be well enough to return to work in April or May. Your patience has been very much appreciated. More details about 'who' will be available in the office and 'when' will follow in a separate letter.

Lisa Jenkins Headteacher