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Happy New Year and welcome to our January newsletter...

This half term will be another busy one with lots of experiences and opportunities for the children and also for staff as our New Deputy Head teacher, Mrs Staines, has now started working with us. She brings with her a wealth of Early Years and leadership experience and knowledge. Please do not hesitate to come and say, "Hello."

*More new friends will be joining us in January... a very warm welcome to Alfie, Olly, Archie, Charlie J-A, and Kaiden who are joining our main nursery for 3 and 4 year olds and Kaydee-Rose and Isobelle who will be joining our 2 year old provision.*

*We hope you will all be very happy here at Aclet Close Nursery - exciting times ahead!*



We would like to wish a Happy Birthday to Jack-James (4) and Joseph (3) who will be celebrating their birthdays in January along with Mrs Buttle and Mrs Jenkins. ☺

#### **Working with partners in the local community/Charity work**

We all enjoyed the trip on the train to **Shildon Railway Museum** to see Santa last month - it was the first time for children from Aclet Close Nursey School. Thanks to those of you who gave us feedback about the activities, timings and processes in place; we were able to share this directly with the organisers at SRW.

Our annual Christmas party at **Bamboozles Adventure World** also went really well - I'm not sure if staff or children enjoyed it most!

We now have a total raised from **The British Legion** from the 'poppy items' they dropped off. Thank you for raising £22.80 - they were over the moon.

We used £80 from school funds to top up sales from our **Scholastic book fair** so that we could claim £300 worth of books which will be used for the children's birthday presents. Thank you.

This month, Joanne from **Woodhouse Close Children's Centre** will be working with us again, this time on a 'messy play' project with some of our 2 year olds. We have a limited number of spaces but do hope that all of our 2 year olds will take part in this experience. (Parents are very welcome to stay and play)

*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 Head Teacher





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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 and School Fund also subsidised our trips to see Santa at Shildon Railway Museum and the Christmas Party.

We also bought some resources to support real experiences for our two year olds' 'baby play' e.g. baby lotion, baby shampoo.

Funds raised from the photographic Christmas cards and Christmas raffle will be used to buy new storage for our 'self-service shed' where the children can select their own resources they would like to play with.

For the benefit of our new parents... in main nursery there is a Mickey Mouse money box and black folder to tick your child's name and in our 2s provision there is a tin and sheet to tick your child's name.

**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.

**Dates for your diary**

- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February: Valentine's Stay and Play
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February: School breaks up for half term
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February: School reopens after half term
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April: School breaks up for Easter break
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April: School reopens
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May: May Day Bank Holiday
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May: School Training Day (School used as polling station)
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May: School breaks up for half term
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June: school reopens

Mrs Staines, our new Deputy Head Teacher, will be making enquiries with regards to taking some of our children swimming.

Is this something you would be interested in for your child?

We will be in touch once we have more details about the logistics and cost.

**GOVERNOR NEWS...**

In December, Mrs Dixon, Mrs Dransfield, Miss Marley and Mrs Courtney came to support staff and children at our Christmas performance and managed to have a chat with some of you (as well as bringing goodies to maintain staff well-being!)

We do have some vacancies on our Governing Body... if you are passionate about young children's development, have skills/experiences that could help us as well as time to attend one meeting a term as a minimum (crèche provided for children), please speak to Mrs Jenkins for more information.

This month Mrs Dixon will be collating the information from Governors' skills audit so we can very clearly show where our strengths lie.

Lisa Jenkins Head Teacher

