

JANUARY 2018



Coming soon...
Look out for the
launch of our
Nursery
Facebook page!



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

We hope you have all had a lovely time! This half term will be another busy one with lots of experiences and opportunities for the children over the next 5 weeks before half term.

The eagle-eyed amongst you have already noticed that the Nursery has been decorated throughout during the Christmas break. A local decorator, **Dave Chapman (DRC Decorating)** has completed the work and comes highly recommended should any of you need anything doing at home.

A last reminder for families of children who will be starting Primary School in September 2018 - applications to admissions close on 15th January.

More new friends will be joining us this month... a very warm welcome to Sophia, Harley, Shaynie, Kaelyn and Kayden who are joining our Nursery.

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 Freddie, Lucas, Harrison and Kai who will be turning 3 whilst Willow, Kaiden, Joseph, Theo and Louie will be celebrating their 4th birthdays.

Working with partners in the local community/charity work

We had a successful trip to **Beamish Museum** to see Santa last month - it was the first time for children from Aclet Close Nursery School. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!

Our annual Christmas party at **Bamboozles Adventure World** also went really well - we're 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 £16.67 - they were over the moon. The Bishop Auckland area raised an incredible £41,000.

Commission from **Scholastic Book Fair** enabled us to choose 38 books which have either been added to our Nursery books or will be used for the children's birthday presents. Thank you.

This month, all Nursery children can get involved with a **Living Streets Little Feet project** whilst our 2 year olds can get involved with a **dental hygiene project**... more details to follow.

Do you know a family or friend who has a two, three or four year old? We are almost full - we have just a few places remaining. We are also adding children to our waiting list to start Nursery in April and September 2018.

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). Families of 3 and 4 year olds with working parents can apply for 30 hours a week of funded education. Conditions apply, please ask at the office.

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.

School Fund...

On behalf of staff and children, I would like to say a very big 'thank you' for your voluntary donations. You have paid for the children's healthy daily snacks and School Fund also subsidised our trips to see Santa at Beamish Museum and the coach to Auckland Castle Christmas Fayre as well as the Christmas Party. Our Nativity costumes were replaced and we also bought refreshments for both our Nativity and Christmas stay and play.

School Fund was boosted by proceeds from our Christmas raffle (thank you very much to all who donated gifts) and from sales of the photographic Christmas cards. We also received a small amount of commission from Art Screen Prints from your orders of mugs, cards, coasters and cushions.

The Beamish Museum trip in particular was very heavily subsidised and if you haven't donated for a while or are one of our newer families, in the main Nursery entrance there is a Mickey Mouse money box and black folder to tick your off your child's name when you have made a donation.

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.

Please also be mindful of our neighbours.

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.

LINGOTOTS

On Thursday 11th January, Joanna from Lingotots is coming in to Nursery to lead a Spanish session with the children.

Parents and Carers are encouraged to come and join in the fun at 11am or 2.30pm.

There is a possibility that Joanna could come and deliver some after school sessions (for a small charge). Do let us know at the office if you would be interested in this.

GOVERNOR NEWS...

During the Spring term Governors will be continuing their monitoring roles, looking at how Early Years Pupil Premium funding is being spent, staff performance management, website statutory requirements and safeguarding as well as completing the School's Financial Value Standard and reviewing our 'Supporting Children with Special Educational Needs' Policy.

Can you help?

We would really value some parent/carer input when reviewing our Supporting Children with Special Educational Needs policy and guidelines. Please speak to Mrs Jenkins if you would like to get involved.

Dates for your diary

- Thursday 11th January at 11am and 2.30pm: Joanna from Lingotots visiting Nursery (Spanish lesson)
- Wednesday 17th January: Swimming lessons recommence
- Monday 5th - Friday 9th February: Scholastic book fair (World Book Day vouchers)
- Friday 9th February: School breaks up for half term
- Monday 19th February: School reopens after half term
- Thursday 29th March: School breaks up for Easter break