

JULY 2017



Welcome to our last newsletter of the school year!

This month we will be saying goodbye to 33 families as their children leave us to start Reception Classes in local Primary Schools. It has been our privilege to teach them and to watch them grow and learn - we wish them every success in the next steps of their learning journey. We will celebrate some of the children's special moments at Aclet Close Nursery School with Mini-Graduation ceremonies at **11am and 2.30pm on Wednesday 19th July**. (Of course our younger children will be there to watch and celebrate too!)

There is also a box in the cloakroom for 'exit surveys'... your views and suggestions are very important to us.

Stay and Play - 16th June 2017

Thank you to the 'special adults' who attended this session last month and for the very positive feedback on the evaluation forms received. Please place any remaining evaluations in the box at your earliest convenience. There are spare copies in the black folder under the table in main Nursery.

Working with partners in the local community

Our 2 year olds had a fabulous trip to **Harry's Farm** in Ramshaw in June. The children loved holding, stroking and feeding the animals. They really did us proud, listening carefully to instructions from Shelly, Debbie and Anne and our mini bus driver was very impressed with our singing!

Swimming lessons for our 3 and 4 year olds at **Woodhouse Close Leisure Centre** are going very well. The children are really enjoying themselves whilst learning essential life skills - they are making fantastic progress already. We have a display of photographs taken last week - do take a few moments to have a look! Thank you to the adults that have helped us walk the children there, we couldn't do it without you!

Have you had a look at the **Children's Centre timetable**? There are some really good opportunities for parents and children, both in term time and during the holidays. If there is a course you really like the sound of, it is possible for us to run it here at Nursery. Please do not hesitate to let us know... we would very happy to organise it with Children's Centre staff.

We continue to visit **Woodhouse Close Library** with small groups of children. If you haven't signed a permission slip for your child, please could you call at the office at your earliest convenience? We also have a handful of library books 'missing' - we would be grateful if you could check your children's book bags.



Our art work displayed at Bowes Museum, Barnard Castle.

We were delighted and very proud to have the children's art work from the 'Take One Picture' project displayed at **Bowes Museum in Barnard Castle**.

The children enjoyed the experience of painting with the icing sugar mix and the project inspired us to have an Italian themed week in Nursery; children and staff loved trying out lots of new experiences. Pizza making was particularly popular.

We are very grateful that an Ernest Cook grant enabled us to visit the museum free of charge... we are hoping to take part in another project next year.



In July Bailee will be celebrating her 4th Birthday and Isla W will be 3. George will be celebrating his 4th birthday in August, and Harry will be 3.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to you all!

On behalf of staff and children, I would like to say a very big 'thank you' for your donations to School Fund. You have paid for the children's healthy daily snacks, birthday gifts, subsidised the trip to Harry's Farm and gifts for our children leaving us to go to Primary School.

Charity donations...

Last month we sold ice lollies with proceeds to be donated to **Great North Air Ambulance**. They are an amazing charity that rely on public support to meet their essential day to day costs.

We still have a few ice lollies left (50p each) - just ask a member of staff if you would like to buy one.

Alternatively, we have a collection box for any loose change in the office or you could take pity on Mrs Jenkins, who is running the Great North Run in September. Her sponsorship link is:

www.justgiving.com/Lisa-JJ Every penny counts!

We'll text you all the final amount raised before we break up for the Summer.

Ducklings!

Children and staff have been waiting very patiently for the new arrivals to hatch.

We have our fingers crossed that all will go to plan and that they will be here this week. We'll keep you informed!



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.

Dates for your diary

- The last swimming session this term will be on **Wednesday 5th July**. We will start again in the new school year when the children are settled.
- Our Family Seaside Trip to South Shields will be on **Wednesday 12th July**.
- Graduation ceremonies for children starting Primary School in September will be on **Wednesday 19th July at 11am and 2.30pm**.
- We break up for the Summer on **Thursday 20th July**. (Friday 21st July is a training day)
We return on **Tuesday 5th September**.
(Training Day on Monday 4th September)

GOVERNOR NEWS...

This month Governors and staff are congratulating Miss Newton for her achievements. She has recently completed and passed her photography degree course with flying colours. We know it is hard work to work full time and study on a night time. Well done Miss Newton and best of luck with the next steps in your learning journey.

In June Mrs Jago worked closely with Mrs Jenkins to ensure the school website and safeguarding procedures meet statutory requirements.

Mrs Courtney has worked with Mrs Jenkins to look at how some of our funding (Early Years Pupil Premium) has been spent and how it will be spent in the new academic year.

Mrs Jenkins has been contacted by 2 parents who are interested in joining our Governing Body. More information to follow.