

JUNE 2017



We hope you all had a lovely half term holiday. This is our last half term of the academic year as we break up for the Summer on **Thursday 20th July**. (Staff training day on Friday 21st July)

Our Nursery will be used as a polling station again; therefore we will be closed to children this Thursday 8th June.

Ducklings

Our duck eggs have arrived and we have 28 days to wait before they will hatch. Last year Daphne, Quackers, Flappy, Oakley and Billy (named by the children, of course) provided many learning opportunities... children, families and staff loved the whole experience. Those of you that were with us last year will remember Billy (yellow duckling above) who was the only one of 9 eggs to hatch at his school... we introduced him to our ducklings so that he would manage better when the time came for them all to go to the farm and all went to plan!

Thanks to your generous school fund donations we are able to work with **Krafty Kritters** again this year - they provide us with everything we need and give us lots of good advice and reassurance.



Stay and Play...

Our next stay and play will be on **Friday 16th June at 10.30am and 2pm**.

Please sign up on the office door so that we can arrange refreshments and resources. ☺

Farm trip for 2 year olds

This month (Monday 19th June) our 2 year olds will be visiting **Harry's Farm in Ramshaw**, just up the road. We are looking forward to seeing how the children cope with new experiences... even riding in a mini bus is an adventure when you're 2! More details to follow.

Hall Hill Farm

Last month our 3 and 4 year olds visited Hall Hill Farm. They had a great day... do take a few minutes to look at the photos on our cloakroom area.

Zoo Lab

Zoo Lab visited us last month too! The children loved holding all the different animals... again we have lots of photos and some fabulous art work up on the wall - do pop in and see them.

The following children will be celebrating their birthdays this month. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Summer, James, Ruby, Romano and Logan who will be turning 4 years old and Patrick who will be 3.



This month we have Elliott joining us in our 2s room and Jacob joining us in our main Nursery. Daniel has moved through to our Main Nursery room - exciting times ahead!

This year we have registered with Sainsbury's Active Kids. Please check your hand bags, purses and wallets for any last minute vouchers. We can swap the vouchers for outdoor resources that will provide lots more lovely learning opportunities for your children. Thank you to all who have brought vouchers in so far... much appreciated.

Would you like to know more about keeping your child safe, particularly online? www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/ has lots of information and advice to help you keep your child safe and you can access support if you have any concerns. Also, O2 have joined forces with the NSPCC on a mission to help children and their families to stay safe online. They're offering useful tools, support and guidance regarding conversations with children about their online lives, find out more at: www.nspcc.O2.co.uk. Last month, staff attended E-safety training and found out more about how accessing games meant for adults affects young children. We were advised that the easiest way to monitor whether games are appropriate is to refer to the PEGI rating.

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)
- Please be mindful of our neighbouring residents - last month we had 2 complaints from residents having their drives blocked; we had no complaints for the previous 16 months.

Thank you for your continuing support.

On behalf of staff and children, I would like to say a very big **'thank you'** for your voluntary £1 weekly donations to school fund. You have paid for the children's healthy daily snacks and the trip to Harry's Farm will also be subsidised.

We also bought some resources to support learning... real vegetables for the farm shop role play area and all the vegetables needed for the children to prepare and eat soup. You have also enabled us to hire the services of Krafty Kritters and their equipment to hatch ducklings.

Please can you help us to keep records for auditing purposes by ticking your child's name on the sheet? (Mickey Mouse money box and black folder in main nursery cloakroom for 3 & 4 year olds and tin and sheet for 2 year olds in their room).

Dates for your diary

- Stay and Play: **Friday 16th June** at 10.30am and 2pm
- Harry's Farm trip for 2 year olds: **Monday 19th June** during normal Nursery session
- Primary School transition days are being held on various dates **throughout July** - do check with your child's school if you're not sure.
- **Family seaside day: Wednesday 12th July** - more information to follow!
- Graduation for children starting Primary School in September '17 will be on **Wednesday 19th July at 11am and 2.30pm**
- We break up for the Summer on **Thursday 20th July**. We return on **Tuesday 5th September**. (Training Day on Monday 4th)

GOVERNOR NEWS...

Governors continue to show their commitment to lifelong learning and Aclet Close Nursery by attending a range of training including Safeguarding and E-Safety as well as demonstrating reflective practice by engaging with a 'Health Check' by the Local Authority.

Are you interested in children's education and development?

We currently have a vacancy on our governing body for a **PARENT GOVERNOR**. 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.