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**JULY 2016**



Summer Fayre  
2pm - 4pm on  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>  
July ☺

Welcome to our last newsletter of the school year!

This month we will be saying goodbye to 45 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 Graduation ceremonies at **11am and 2.30pm on our last day, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July.** (Of course our younger children will be there to watch and celebrate too!)

We would be very grateful if you could complete and hand in the tear off slip at the bottom of the letter so we can arrange seating. There is also a basket in the cloakroom for 'exit surveys'... your views and suggestions are very important to us.

#### **Stay and Play: Special Men's Day**

Thank you to the 'special adults' who attended this session last month and for the very positive feedback received on the evaluation forms. The children had great fun following a recipe to make their own play dough which they could then take home. It is really easy to make... we are happy to print off the instructions at any time if any of you would like to have a go at home; just ask a member of staff. Please drop off any remaining evaluations at your earliest convenience.

#### **Working with partners in the local community**

In June and July Des and Tamsin from **Woodhouse Close Children's Centre** have been back for story telling sessions. The children have really enjoyed the story of 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes'.

Our photography exhibition will now move from Woodhouse Close library to **Woodhouse Close Children's Centre**. The library staff told us that library users were very interested in the children's work and it was lovely to hear that some of you visited too.

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 have no new children joining us this month - we are looking forward to making lots of new friends in September. If you have family or friends with 2, 3 or 4 year olds, they are very welcome to pop in and have a look around... we have a small number of spaces left for September onwards.*

The following children will be celebrating their 4<sup>th</sup> birthday in July: Noah, Ruby, Sophia Ch. Pola will be celebrating her 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday in August. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to you all!



Lisa Jenkins Head Teacher





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Thank you for your donations to school fund last month. You paid for the children's healthy daily snacks items for the garden and gifts for our children leaving us to go to Primary School.

**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.**

**Stay and Play Gardening session**

The children and staff had made a big 'to do' list... thank you to children, staff and parent volunteers and also those who donated plants. We took before and after photographs and will look forward to sharing them with you all. Autumn Landscapes, a Bishop Auckland company took our old fencing and rubbish away as well as cleaning our water feature.

**Aclet Close Nursery School team**

We received a lovely thank you card from Mrs Longhorne, thanking staff and families for her leaving gifts. With your donations we purchased some gift vouchers for the Manor House so she can go to be pampered. She is really enjoying the new challenges a large primary school brings.

Mrs Slater, who has since been working in the office, will be spending her last day with us on 4<sup>th</sup> July, which is when Mrs Buttle, our permanent administration officer, starts. Thank you for your patience during these changes.

At the end of term we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Rees who has taught Mrs Spark's group and Miss Day, who has taught Mrs Thompson's group whilst she's been ill. We have loved having them working with our team and wish them both well in the next stage of their careers.

Mrs Emily Tonge, our new Deputy Head, will join us in September... she has already spent time with staff and children and is very excited to be joining the Aclet Close team.

**School uniform...** will continue to be optional - we are reducing the colour choice to red or navy blue jumpers and red, white or blue polo shirts. We have arranged with Cre8tive (12 Peel Street, Bishop Auckland. Tel: 664097) that you can call in the shop at your own convenience throughout the year rather than waiting for us to pass over details and payment. Business cards in office.

**Dates for your diary**

- *Our Summer Fayre will be on **Thursday 7th July from 2pm - 4pm.***
- *Graduation ceremonies for children starting Primary School in September will be on our last day, **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 11am and 2.30pm.** (please return reply slip to office)*
- *We break up for the Summer on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July.** We return on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September.** (Training Day on Monday 5<sup>th</sup>)*

**GOVERNOR NEWS...**

The Governing Body have co-opted Mrs Mikeala Morgans as a new Governor. She is currently a Senior Lecturer at Sunderland University and brings with her a wealth of Early Years experience and knowledge. We believe her educational and ICT background will compliment the existing Governors' strengths.

Governors have accepted Mrs Hill's (Parent Governor) resignation from the board. Her contributions and feedback have been very much appreciated.

With this in mind, we now have a vacancy for a parent governor and will 'advertise' from September. Are you passionate about young children's development and have skills/experiences that could help us? We will send more information out in September.

*Lisa Jenkins* Head Teacher

