

March 2019



Please find your free Easter raffle ticket attached to this newsletter. Write your child's name on the back of it and place it in the box in the Nursery entrance. It will be drawn at lunch time on Thursday 4th April. Additional tickets are on sale for 20p each from the office, with all proceeds going to School funds.

Opportunities for our children and families ...

Parent Consultations - Did you manage to speak with your child's key worker?

Although we do like to speak to parents, carers and grandparents regularly, this is an opportunity to meet in a quieter space to discuss your child and discuss how we can work together to ensure they continue to make good progress. If you weren't able to come, we are very happy to make an alternative time - you can arrange this directly with your child's key worker for the beginning or end of a session.

Shrove Tuesday - The children had a great time learning about the traditions of Shrove Tuesday, reading the Mr Wolf's Pancakes story, writing shopping lists, going to the shop for ingredients, choosing their toppings from a menu, and of course, the best bit... making and eating them! They used a knife and fork and showed us their beautiful table manners before washing up their plate and cutlery. The children have learned so much - they could see the differences between the batter and the pancake.

World Book Day - some of our older children will be visiting WHSmith in Bishop Auckland to exchange their world book token for a book. WHSmith have very kindly ordered in enough books for all of our children... these will be distributed over the week.

Our Toddler group meets on a Monday afternoons from 12.45pm - 2.15pm. The children can play with our resources and take part in creative activities, stories and rhymes. The cost is £1 per child and the children can have a snack and drink. Refreshments are available for the adults. All welcome!

Our next event will be our Special Ladies' stay and play on Monday 25th March from 1pm - 2.30pm and Friday 29th March from 10am - 11.30am Please 'sign up' on the office door ASAP if you would like to come along so that we can organise refreshments.

Dentist in school - Tuesday 26th March from 8.30am. Do take advantage of this service offered by Hyder and Burgess Dentists. We are required to have a minimum of number children seen in order for our visits to continue. They are very patient with the children and often having an examination in a familiar place can be easier for the children.

'School Readiness and Phonics' workshops... Mrs Staines will be holding sessions at 9.10am on Tuesday 30th April as well as 2pm and 3.30pm (crèche available) on Thursday 2nd May for children who will be leaving us in July to start Primary School. We will share tips which will help your child to have a smooth transition. We will send out invitations for the children this applies to. Closer to the time, we will be inviting staff from Primary Schools to come and see the children in Nursery - we will keep you informed.



The following children will be celebrating their birthdays this month. HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Cody and Milena as well as Mrs Staines and Mrs Barraclough.

We hope you all have a lovely time celebrating!

Lisa Jenkins Headteacher

On behalf of staff and children I would like to say a very big 'thank you' for your donations to school fund.

This month with your weekly £1 donations we have bought:

- Daily healthy snacks
- Resources to celebrate Valentine's Day
- Ingredients and toppings for Shrove Tuesday pancakes
- New books - 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes' and 'Shrove Tuesday'
- Chinese New Year ingredients
- A wig wam to use as a cosy space to read a book
- Bus fares for the adults taking children out and about

Please remember to tick your child's name in the folder next to the Mickey Mouse money box.

WELCOME!

A very warm welcome to the Aclet Close Nursery School family to...

Riley, Harry, Bobby, Lucas, Brooklyn, Valencia, Oscar, Dillon-Thomas, Freddie and Ezra.

We hope you will be very happy here... exciting times ahead! 😊

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.

Dates for your diary...

Week commencing 4th and 11th March - Parent consultations - please make an appointment directly with your child's key worker

Thurs 7th March: School closed for local elections

Week commencing 11th March: trips to WHSmith, Bishop Auckland for older children to exchange world book day tokens for books

Mon 25th March at 1pm: Special Ladies Stay and Play - please sign up

Weds 27th March morning: Zoo Lab in school. If your child does not usually attend on a Wednesday morning, please return your letter letting us know if you would like your child to come in for the session. (NO SWIMMING TODAY)

Fri 29th March at 10am: Special Ladies Stay and Play - please sign up

Mon 1st - Sunday 7th April: Autism Awareness Week

Fri 5th April: Break up for Easter break, returning on Tues 23rd April

Tues 30th April at 9.10am: School Readiness and phonics workshop with Mrs Staines

Thurs 2nd May at 2pm and 3.30pm: School Readiness and phonics workshop with Mrs Staines

SAVE THE DATE...

Wednesday 10TH July - Family Seaside Day. We have secured a grant that will pay for each child and one parent per family to travel on the bus to South Shields for free.

More details to follow. 😊

Governors

Finance and Curriculum committees met in February.

Miss Ellis is working with Mrs Staines to ensure we meet our 'Special Educational Needs' (SEN) requirements. The school SEN policy and Accessibility Plans have recently been updated.

Miss Marley has met with Mrs Jenkins to look at how we spend Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) funding.

The School Financial Value Standard has also been completed.

We still have 2 places for Parent Governors to complete our Full Governing Body team.

Please speak to Mrs Jenkins if you are interested; we require you to attend 1 meeting per term and to work with Mrs Jenkins once during the year to monitor an agreed area e.g. health and safety, safeguarding. Attendance at appropriate training is also encouraged.