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We hope you all had a lovely long May bank holiday weekend.

Please remember that we are closed to children this **Thursday 5th May** as our school will be used as a designated polling station. We break up for half term on **Friday 27th May**.

Ducklings

Last month was very busy with our farm trip to Hall Hill Farm and we are currently hatching our very own ducklings. The children are being so patient waiting for the eggs... 28 days is a long time in a young child's life. The ducklings will be 2-3 weeks old when they leave us to go to their new home. This experience will allow for lots of new learning opportunities for children and staff!

Harry's Farm

This month our 2 year old children will visit Harry's Farm in Ramshaw, just up the road. It is a much smaller farm and not so far for our youngest children to travel.

Zoo Lab

Zoo Lab visited us on 27th April... the children loved holding all the different animals... we have lots of photos and some fabulous drawings up on the wall - do pop in and see them.



Working with partners in the local community and charities

Last month we supported **Butterwick Hospice, Bishop Auckland** - they were over the moon with our plastic sacks of donations. I know you will agree that it is a very worthy cause.

New website... Our new website has now 'gone live'. There are still a few adjustments to be made but our aim is for you to be able to find information quickly and easily from any mobile device including mobile phones and tablets. You will even be able to report your child's absence online. Do have a peep at www.acletclose.durham.sch.uk and let us know what you think.



A very warm welcome to DJ and John-Joe who will be joining our 2 year olds' provision and Evie-Ella will be moving up to our 3s provision; exciting times ahead!



The following children will be celebrating their birthdays this month. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Tallulah, Jayden, Liam and Ella who will all be 4 years old. Izabella and Evie-Ella will be 3 years old.



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On behalf of staff and children, I would like to say a very big 'thank you' for your donations to school fund last month. You paid for Zoo Lab to come and visit us and we bought photograph frames for our exhibition (further details below) as well the children's healthy daily snacks.



LOST PROPERTY...We have quite a few items of lost property in our box. Please check there is nothing belonging to your child.

Stay and Play session

Our next 'Stay and Play' will be a gardening day. We would like to give our outdoors and Forest School garden a 'make-over' and it would be great for the children to have some ownership of this. Date and more details to follow!

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.

We all said our 'Good bye and Good Luck' to Mrs Spark at the end of April. She was completely overwhelmed by your generosity and good wishes. On your behalf, we bought her vouchers for Rockcliffe Spa/Hotel and the children made a picture with their finger prints.



In a previous newsletter, I explained about a photography project that Miss Newton and a small group of children took part in. We are very proud to let you know that they will have their own mini exhibition in various buildings in the local area, starting with Woodhouse Close library from the evening of 5th May - 26th May. Due to the success of this project, we are now in the first stages of planning a 'camera club' so that other children and families can get involved. Watch this space.

GOVERNOR NEWS...

Governors are pleased to report that Mrs Emily Tonge, an experienced and highly qualified Early Years specialist, has been appointed as Deputy Head Teacher commencing in September.

Mrs Dransfield has visited Miss Newton to see the photographic project and Mrs Courtney has worked with Mrs Jenkins to look at our transition process for new and transferring children.

We think this must be the time of year for change as Mrs Longhorne will be leaving us at the end of May to take up her new post at a Primary School. She has worked here for 5 years and will be greatly missed.

We are delighted to let you know that after a steady stream of new children over the last few months, we are now full to capacity. We are looking forward to more new children and families joining us in September.

Dates for your diary...

*Nursery will be closed for polling day on
Thursday 5th May.*

We break up for half term on Friday 27th May.

*We return on Tuesday 7th June (we have a
training day on Monday 6th June)*



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