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Welcome to our November newsletter...
we hope you have all had a lovely half term break; it is hard to believe that we have already completed our first half term of the academic year. The next half term promises to be a very busy and exciting time with lots of opportunities and experiences for the children; we will also be inviting you to meet with staff to find out more about your child's achievements and progress at Nursery.

More new friends have joined us... a very warm welcome to James and Eva who have joined our main nursery for 3 and 4 year olds and Harry, Hallie and James who have joined our 2 year old provision. This month we will be welcoming Enna, Laila M, Georgie, Charlie - we hope you will all be very happy here at Aclet Close Nursery - exciting times ahead!

We also very proud of Xzavier, John-Thomas, Ruby and Ethan who will be moving through to our main Nursery this month.



We hope that Oliver Ch (4) and John-Thomas (3) as well as Miss Woodhouse enjoyed celebrating their birthdays during half term and wish Sophie (4), Rosie (4), Ruby (3), Benny (4), Isla (4), Faith (4) a Happy Birthday during November. Miss Newton and Mrs King will be celebrating their birthdays too!

Working with partners in the local community

Joanne from Woodhouse Close Children's Centre has been working with Mrs Jenkins on a BLAST project with 8 children; they enjoyed playing the games and developed their listening and concentration skills as well as learning new words and songs. More children will be able to take part in this project in the future. We are delighted that Joanne is now our named link Family Support worker so she will be working with us more in the future. Please do not hesitate to make any suggestions as to training or opportunities we could hold here at Nursery.

We took part in a Roald Dahl 'writing' competition that Vision Education were running during September. The judges were impressed with the efforts made by some of our 3 and 4 year olds after they were inspired by The Enormous Crocodile' story and they won a party! Everyone is invited to eat the party food and play games... it would be great to get dressed up too. Please see separate letter for more information. We can't wait!

Do you know a family or friend who has a two or three year old? Our room for two year olds is full at the moment but we will have one or two spaces when some of the children move through to the main Nursery this month. Some families, depending on their circumstances can apply to have 15 hours of free education. (All 3 and 4 year olds are automatically entitled to 15 hours) We also have a few afternoon or 2 and a half days places for the back end of the week. Families are always very welcome to pop in for a tour. Word of mouth is still the most popular way that families find us... thank you very much for recommending us.

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On behalf of staff and children, I would like to say a very big 'thank you' for your voluntary donations to school fund. You have paid for the children's healthy daily snacks as well as Halloween/Autumn enhancements including lots of pumpkins to explore and to make into soup.

Thanks to Ethan, our fish now have names... Shadow and Stripe. Well done to everyone who shared their suggestions with us; we hope you enjoyed your prizes for having a go!



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.

This month the children will be learning about Autumn and taking part in some spooky activities as well as learning about Diwali, the festival of light.
We will also be taking part in Nursery Rhyme week from **Monday 7th - Friday 11th November...** every day we will get together at the end of the session to sing the chosen rhymes. We would love you all to come and join us - we will open the doors early at the end of each teaching session.

School uniform...
is optional and available from Cre8tive (12 Peel Street, Bishop Auckland. Tel: 664097). You can call in the shop at your own convenience throughout the year. Business cards are available from the office. Our school colours are red or navy blue.

Did you know that one of our Mums is a Body Shop leader? For every order we collect, we can claim commission towards our School Funds. Please ask for a magazine at the office if you would like to get organised for Christmas.

Donations for our Christmas raffle would be very much appreciated... bottles, smellies, sweets, etc. can be dropped off at the office at any time. Tickets will be on sale from **Monday 28th November!** 😊

GOVERNOR NEWS...
Governors have been busy behind the scenes and have recruited a new Deputy Head Teacher who will start with us in January. Mrs Staines is a very experienced Early Years leader (currently working in a Primary School) and is very excited to be joining the team.

******Just before half term we were visited by the Local Authority Environmental Health inspector and retained our 5 star rating. Well done to Sue, our cook, and our Nursery team for consistently applying the highest standards of hygiene during food preparation. ******

Are you passionate about young children's development and have skills/experiences that could help us? We still need to appoint 2 new Parent Governors. Please speak to Mrs Jenkins for more information if you are interested.

Dates for your diary

- *Tuesday 15th November: Roald Dahl party*
- *Friday 18th November: Children in Need*
- *Monday 5th - Friday 9th December: Scholastic book fair (a chance to stock up on Christmas prezzies)*
- *Tuesday 6th December: Trip to see Santa at Shildon Railway Museum (those that have booked only)*
- *Wednesday 14th December: Christmas performances (morning and afternoon)*
- *Thursday 15th December: Christmas jumper day in aid of Save the Children (£1 suggested donation)*
- *Friday 16th December: Christmas Party (TO BE CONFIRMED)*
- *On Friday 16th December we break up and return to school on Tuesday 3rd January.*

Lisa Jenkins Head Teacher

