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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.

We are expecting the proofs back from Phototronic, our school photographers, this week - you will be able to order and pay for what you would like. Christmas presents for family members maybe?

We would like to wish a very warm welcome to the new children joining our Aclet Close family this month... Nathan, Jack and Bella-Rose as well as Maia who joined us last month after our newsletter was published. We hope you will all be very happy here - exciting times ahead!



We would like to wish a **Happy Birthday** to Lexi, Lucas H and Kaelyn who all have November birthdays. We hope you all have a lovely time! ☺

Supporting charities...

*We have received a thank you poster from **Macmillan Cancer Support** for raising £65.70 during our bake off week. Children and staff had a great time. Thank you for supporting us too!*

*We appreciate that budgets are tight, particularly at this time of year on the run up to Christmas. If you can spare a few pennies this month we will be supporting **The Royal British Legion** ...*

In the office we have a box full of merchandise with suggested donations of 50p per item and of course, our paper poppies (donations of any amount). In this exceptional centenary year, let us remember and honour all who served, sacrificed and changed our world during the First World War as well as those who have since continued to secure and protect our freedom.

We'll be sharing this short CBeebies animation with the children:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p02qybd9>

Auckland Project

This half-term some of our older children will be working with the team from the Auckland Project on a mining based project. We are hoping that the children's work and evidence collected by staff over 4 sessions will be recognised and we will seek accreditation in the form of an Arts Award. We will need to send the first and second names of the children taking part - we'll be sending out a 'permission letter' to the parents/carers of the children involved. We'd really appreciate a quick response as the project starts this week!

Please can you ensure that your child's name is in all of their belongings including swimming kit?

Thank you ☺

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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 daily healthy snacks as well as Halloween/Autumn enhancements. We have also added to our storybook collection with some Funnybones stories and an audio CD as listening to a story is a different experience.

Please help us to keep our school fund up to date by ticking the list when your child has popped their £1 in the Mickey Mouse money box. (Black folder in entrance to main nursery)

School uniform... is optional and available from Cre8tive (12 Peel Street, Bishop Auckland. Tel: 664097). You can call in at the shop at your own convenience. Our school colours are red or navy blue. Cre8tive have jumpers, polo shirts and T-shirts with our logo on as well as back packs suitable for swimming. Please ask at the office for prices. You are also welcome to buy items from the Supermarkets.

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 be mindful of our neighbouring residents by parking in the lay-bys whenever you can.**

Thank you for your continuing support.

Dates for your diary

- **Tuesday 30th October from 10.30am - 11.30am and Thursday 1st November from 2pm - 3pm: Spooky Stay and Play sessions**
- **Monday 12th November from 1pm - 12.45pm - 3.45pm: The Big Purple Playbus is coming! If your child doesn't usually come to Nursery on a Monday afternoon, they are still invited! Please see Mrs Jenkins for a time slot to come and play - you will be responsible for supervising your child.**
- **Weeks commencing 12th and 19th November: Parent/carer consultations. Please make an appointment directly with your child's key worker.**
- **The children's last swimming lessons for the year will take place on Wednesday 28th November and will restart in the new year.**
- **Our Family Trip to see Santa at Beamish Museum has been booked for Wednesday 5th December. More details to follow.**
- **Christmas themed Stay and Play sessions will take place on the afternoon of Monday 3rd December and morning of Thursday 6th December, timings to be confirmed.**
- **Our Nursery Nativity will be on Wednesday 12th December at 10.30am at Woodhouse Close Church.**
- **Friday 14th December at 11am: Unveiling of our Advent Window at 'Nip and Tuck' in Fore Bondgate, Bp Auckland.**
- **Wednesday 19th December: Trip to Hullabaloo Theatre, Darlington - performance of 'Luna' for our older children.**
- **Our Nursery Christmas party will be on the morning of Friday 21st December. 'Afternoon children' will be able to swap to the morning session so that they can join in the fun too. More details to follow.**
- **We break up on Friday 21st December. We return to school on Tuesday 8th January. (Monday 7th January is a staff training day).**

GOVERNOR NEWS...

Just before half term Nursery staff said 'Goodbye' to Mrs Buttle, our admin officer, as she starts her promotion as Office Manager at a nearby Primary School. She will be very much missed.

Governors have appointed a new admin officer, who is currently working her notice period at her current school. We thank you in advance for your patience as we will be without admin support for a few weeks.

Governors were delighted to receive the outcomes of a recent Local Authority audit. The school was awarded a 'Substantive' rating by auditors (the highest of three ratings). This confirms that the school has good financial systems in place.

Are you passionate about young children's learning?

We currently have 2 vacancies for Parent Governors. Governors meet once a term for committee meetings and then meet with the Head Teacher a couple of times over the year for a more specific focus, e.g. Health and Safety, Early Years Pupil Premium funding, Safeguarding etc.

Training and support is provided. Please pop to the office for a chat with Mrs Jenkins if you are interested.

Lisa Jenkins Head Teacher