

DECEMBER 2018



Welcome to our December newsletter...

The last half term has been a very busy one with lots of opportunities and new experiences for the children. Our Nursery is beginning to look very Christmassy and we do hope that you like this year's Christmas cards. Miss Newton is a very talented photographer and all funds raised will be spent on the children.

On behalf of the Aclet Close Nursery team,  
I would like to wish you all a  
very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

We would like to wish a very warm welcome to Keaton who has joined our Nursery. In January we will be welcoming more new children and families - we hope you will all be very happy here at Aclet Close Nursery School - exciting times ahead!



We would like to wish a Happy Birthday to Jackson and Mrs Hughes who will be celebrating their birthdays in December.

#### **Working with partners in the local community/Charity work**

Some of our older children have really enjoyed working with the staff from the **Auckland Project** on the mining project. We have been taking photographs and gathering evidence which we hope will help us secure an Arts Award. Fingers crossed!

We were delighted to get the opportunity to access the **Big Purple Play Bus**. The children had great fun climbing, balancing, sliding and jumping on the soft play resources. Even the little ones attending our toddler group had a go! ☺

This year we are thrilled to be invited to open the **Auckland Castle Christmas Fair** this Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December. The children have been practising their songs and we will look forward to seeing some of you there.

We also had our collection box and poppy items from the **British Legion**. The box has been collected though we don't have a total amount raised yet. We will keep you informed.



Do you remember the Halloween disco that our little Anastasia (and family) organised back in October? She raised over £500 for charity - we are so proud!

#### **Do you know a family or friend who has a two or three year old?**

We have a few spaces available from January. 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) and subject to eligibility, working families can access 30 hours of funded education. 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. ☺

We also have our **toddler group** on a **Monday afternoon from 12.45pm - 2.15pm**. It is just £1 for each child over 1 year and includes a snack, creative activities, story and songs.

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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 books for the children's Christmas and birthday gifts, cooking ingredients and playdough ingredients as well as a few creative bits and pieces for our Christmassy stay and play sessions. School fund is also subsidising our trips to see Santa at Beamish Museum and the Christmas Party at Spennymoor Leisure Centre.

**Please remember to mark your donation off in the folder (to help us with auditing) next to the Mickey Mouse money box or ask us to if you are in a hurry.**

**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 would also appreciate it if you could be mindful about our neighbours when parking.**

**Thank you for your continuing support.**

This month is a busy one! The children are working hard, practising their songs for our Nativity on **Wednesday 12th at 10.30am at Woodhouse Close Church**. You are very welcome to walk up from Nursery with us (or just meet us there if you are short on time). Join us for a cuppa and mince pie afterwards.

**School uniform...** is optional and available from Cre8tive (12 Peel Street, Bishop Auckland Tel: 01388 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.

**Dates for your diary**

- *Our Family Trip to Beamish Museum takes place on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December**. The bus leaves the Aclet Pub at 9.15am and returns for 2.30pm.*
  - *Christmas themed Stay and Play sessions will take place on the afternoon of **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** (2pm - 3.30pm) and morning of **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December** (10am - 11.30am)*
  - ***Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November** at - carol singing at Auckland Castle from 1pm*
  - *Our Nursery Nativity will be on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am at Woodhouse Close Church**.*
  - ***Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 11am**: Unveiling of our Advent Window at 'Nip and Tuck' in Fore Bondgate, Bp Auckland at 11am. Please come and support us!*
  - ***Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**: Trip to Hullabaloo Theatre, Darlington - performance of 'Luna' for our older children.*
  - *Our Nursery Christmas party will be on the **morning of Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December** (9.15am - 12.30pm) 'Afternoon children' will be able to swap to the morning session so that they can join in the fun too. The trip is being subsidised by school funds so is just £3 per child including food!*
- \*Please confirm and pay for your child place ASAP\***
- *We break up on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December**. We return to school on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January**. (Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January is a staff training day).*
  - *Swimming will restart on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January***

*If you haven't already organised your child's Christmas cards... in the interest of time, money and the environment, we encourage your children to send just one card to all of their Nursery friends. ☺*

**GOVERNOR NEWS...**

Hello and Goodbye!

In November we said, "Goodbye" to Miss Wright who has started her new role at a private day nursery and "Hello!" to Mrs Beal who is our new Office Administrator. Thank you for your patience whilst we didn't have any admin support and also for making Mrs Beal feel so welcome.

Mrs Jago has worked with Mrs Jenkins to ensure that the school meets General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and also our safeguarding paperwork has been updated to meet/exceed statutory requirements.

In the New Year, Governors and staff will be updating the Nursery Accessibility Plan - this is where we look at how easy it is for everyone to access our building and services. If you are interested in being on a working party, please speak to Mrs Jenkins.

Governors wish all children and their families a Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy 2019.

Lisa Jenkins Head Teacher