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Welcome to our first newsletter of the new school year!

Back in July we said saying goodbye to 45 families as their children left us to start Reception Classes in local Primary Schools. Lots of them have popped in to let us know that the children are doing really well at big school... we are very proud of them all.

Lots of new friends have joined us... a very warm welcome to Jack O, Logan, Heath, Eden, Bailee, Oliver D, Martha, George and Annabelle who have joined our main Nursery with our three and four year old boys and girls as well as Ethan, Laila, Caleb, Isabella, Daniel, Patrick, Alexis, Joseph, Annie, Frankie and Thomas who have joined us in our 2s provision... we hope you will all be very happy here at Aclet Close Nursery - exciting times ahead! (Hallie, Harry and Eva will be joining us soon)
We also very proud of Ruby B, Theo, Oscar, Romano, Logan G, Declan and Erin, who have moved through to our main Nursery.



The following children celebrated their birthdays in September:
Declan, Oscar, Erin, Martha, Logan G, Anna and Theo whilst Jenson, Farrah, Joshua, Adria, Xzavier celebrate their birthdays this month.

Working with partners in the local community

Joanne from Woodhouse Close Children's Centre is working with Mrs Jenkins on a BLAST project: the children are really enjoying playing the games - they are developing listening and concentration skills and learning new words and songs. Please ask any questions.

A compact version of our photography exhibition is now displayed Woodhouse Close Children's Centre. The centre staff have said that centre users have been very complimentary.

Have you visited the Children's Centre recently? There are some really good opportunities for parents and children, both in term time and during the holidays. If there is a course you really like the sound of, it is possible for us to run it here at Nursery. Please do not hesitate to let us know... we would very happy to organise it with Children's Centre staff.

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. The Summer Fayre and Graduation photographs raised £434. This will be used to subsidise a trip to see Santa in December. More details to follow.

We have 2 new pets... a Black Moor fish (see photo) and a stripy Brook Loach that will keep the tank clean (not on the photo as he was hiding at the back!) They live in Mrs Metcalfe and Miss Thompson's room but they don't have names. Can you help? Please write down your ideas on a slip of paper and leave it in the basket in the main Nursery cloakroom by Friday 14th October... we will have prizes for the winners. Good luck everyone!



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.

Fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Support...

Our week long bake off raised almost £80.

Thanks to the children and staff for their hard work and to you for your generosity and support.

The children loved baking and learned lots, particularly about the changes that happen when we cook food.

They also developed their muscles and strengthened their bones with all the stirring and rolling!

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.

GOVERNOR NEWS...

In September, Mrs Dransfield visited Nursery to see the results of the work that has taken place in Nursery over the Summer (new windows and doors) and to talk to staff about some of the changes they have implemented in the Nursery environment.

We now have two vacancies for parent governors to join our team. Are you passionate about young children's development and have skills/ experiences that could help us? The majority of our Governors have an education background so we are looking for parents with skills to compliment these. Please speak to Mrs Jenkins if you are interested.

This month, the Governors will be recruiting for a new Deputy Head Teacher for January.

Dates for your diary

- *Monday 10th October: Trip to see 'Hey Presto' theatre production at Bishop Auckland Town Hall (for those that have booked tickets only)*
- *Friday 2^{1st} October: Phototronic (school photographers) in school*
- *We break up for October half term on Friday 2^{1st} October and return on Mon 3^{1st} October.*
- *Monday 3^{1st} October: Spooky Stay and Play, all parents/carers invited (more details to follow)*

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