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Welcome to our October newsletter...

The weeks are flying by so quickly and we have lots of exciting things planned for the children this month, including our first Stay and Play this academic year and our school photographers are coming too!

Breakfast Club...
is available daily on a drop in basis. Come and join us from 8am - 8.30am at a cost of £2 per child.

More new friends have joined us... a very warm welcome to Adam, Blake, Joey, Theo, Louis and Nuala who have joined our Nursery family... we hope you will all be very happy here at Aclet Close Nursery School - exciting times ahead!



The following children celebrate their birthdays in October:

Nuala, Georgie, Enna, Isobelle, Farrah, Eva, Xzavier and John-Thomas as well as Miss Wright, Mrs Richardson and Miss Woodhouse.

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

Thank you ☺

Working with partners in the local community

Ready, Sett...Read! Project...

This term we are working very closely with **Library and Leisure services**, taking part in the Ready, Sett, Read! Project. Staff are coming in to work with us every Monday for 8 weeks, introducing a new story each week. Our Nursery Staff will then organise linked activities to extend the children's learning. Intended outcomes are focussed on rhyming, storytelling and early phonic recognition.

Durham County Council have produced a ring bound booklet with ideas for you and your child to get involved with each book too. Do let us know how you get on... Mrs Staines would love to include some of your comments in her Masters case study. You are also very welcome to email us any photos you would like us to include in your child's learning journal. Please write your child's name in the subject line and send to: acletclose@durhamlearning.net

Details of the storybooks are below, should you wish to purchase them yourself:

- Week commencing Monday 2nd October: **Socks** (Nick Sharratt)
- Week commencing Monday 9th October: **We're Going on a Bear Hunt** (Michael Rosen)
- Week commencing Monday 16th October: **Duck in the Truck** (Jez Aldborough)
- Week commencing Monday 23rd October: **HALF TERM**
- Week commencing Monday 30th October: **Pants** (Andrea Giles)
- Week commencing Monday 6th November: **The Tiger Who Came For Tea** (Judith Kerr)
- Week commencing Monday 13th November: **Peace at Last** (Jill Murphy)
- Week commencing Monday 20th November: **Elephant and the Bad Baby** (Elfrida Vipoint)
- Week commencing Monday 27th November: **How to Catch Santa** (Jean Reagan)

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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, baking ingredients, 'jelli baff' for the children's dinosaur swamp, 'Now that's what I call Disney' songs CD, calendar tabs (!) as well as 3 copies of each story book for our Ready, Sett, Read Project. (The library service were very happy for us to loan these books from them but we wanted the children to be able to read them whenever they want to)

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. (On table in entrance to main nursery)

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 aren't sure yet if the SPAR shop will agree for us to use the ex Aclet Public House car park - we'll ask!)

Thank you for your continuing support.

Fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Support...

Our week long bake off raised £111.30.

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.

Dates for your diary...

Monday 16th October: Photographer in school

Friday 20th October: Theatre trip for 3 & 4 year olds that have ordered tickets

Friday 20th October: Break up for half term (1 week)

Tuesday 31st October: Spooky Stay and Play - Please sign up on office door (10.30am - 11.30am and 2pm - 3pm)

Are you entitled to Early Years Pupil Premium?

3 and 4 year olds in state-funded early education will attract EYPP funding if they meet at least 1 of the following criteria:

- Income Support OR Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance OR Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on, which is paid for 4 weeks after Working Tax Credit is stopped
- Universal Credit
- They are currently being looked after by a local authority in England or Wales
- They have left care in England or Wales through: an adoption OR special guardianship order OR child arrangement order

GOVERNOR NEWS...

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Toole to the Governing Body as an additional Parent/Carer representative. She brings with her a wealth of experience and skills that will compliment those of the existing Governors.

All committees have already met and the School Development Plan for the year ahead has been agreed. Governors will monitor outcomes for all children, with a specific focus on More Able children, Mathematics and Communication and Language. The Nursery Team will continue to develop the indoor and outdoor areas in order to maximise learning opportunities for the children.

Mrs Courtney has met with Mrs Jenkins to discuss the Early Years Pupil Premium funding that the school receives. This year we only have 2 families identified as being entitled to it... are you? See box on the left and feel free to call at the office - school are able to apply on your behalf. This year funding will be used to pay for swimming lessons.