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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.

A few new friends will be joining our Nursery family this month... a very warm welcome to Lydia and Annabelle... we hope you will both be very happy here at Aclet Close Nursery School - exciting times ahead! At the moment we have a couple of spaces for 2 year olds as well as places for 3 and 4 year olds - we offer a variety of attendance patterns and private paid sessions are also available.



The following children celebrate their birthdays in October:  
Nuala, Georgie, Enna, Peyton, Harley, Joe and Annabelle, as well as Miss Wright! We hope you all have a great time celebrating 😊

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

Thank you 😊

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, new footballs, a cereal dispenser for the new self-service playdough making area and new versions of Elmer and The Gruffalo story books which are firm favourites of the children.

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)

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.

Fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Support...

Our week long bake off raised £66.70.

Thank you 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 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.

### Staff promotion!

Mrs Buttle will work her last day with us on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October. She will be taking up her new post, not too far away in a nearby Primary School.

Although we are very sad to see her go, we all wish Mrs Buttle all the very best in her new role. We'll miss her lots!

Applications received so far are of a very high standard so Governors are confident of a successful appointment. We are likely to be without an admin officer for approximately 3-4 weeks so would be really grateful if you could help us out by sending correct monies in named envelopes for fees etc, when possible. Thank you in advance for your patience.

### Dates for your diary...

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 9am: Dentist in school**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am: Harvest Festival at Woodhouse Close Church**

**Fri 19<sup>th</sup> October: Photographer in school (groups including babies and brothers/sisters can have their photographs taken at the beginning of each session on a first come, first served basis)**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October: Break up for half term (1 week)**

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October: school reopens after half-term**

**Tues 30<sup>th</sup> October from 10.30am - 11.30am and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**November from 2pm - 3pm: Spooky Stay and Play. Please sign up on office door so that we can organise refreshments**

**Christmas...** will be here before we know it!

We are currently in negotiations with Beamish for our family trip to see Santa. **Possibly Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December.**

Our Nativity will be held up at Woodhouse Close Church at **10.30am on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December.**

On **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** we have a limited number of tickets for a performance of 'Luna' at Hullabaloo Children's Theatre in Darlington. It is suitable for 2 - 5 year olds. The performance will be in the morning but we are currently looking to see if we can make it a full day trip. More details to follow.

The Christmas party will be on the morning of **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December.** We are in negotiations for something different this year and will let you know when we have confirmed arrangements.

**Please note that children who do not usually attend Nursery on these sessions are always welcome to come along and join in our celebrations/experiences.**

### 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 Miss Ellis to the Governing Body as a Co-opted 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 continued focus on 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. Are you entitled to it? See box on the left of this page 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.*