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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 we have a local photographer visiting 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.

We have one new friend joining our Nursery family this month... a very warm welcome to Ayan... we hope you will 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 (mornings) 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, Peyton, Harley, James, Bobby, Keaton and Annabelle.

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, play dough ingredients, soil to top up the mud kitchen, Christmas gifts for all of our children and baking ingredients. (Ingredients for our Macmillan bake off were mostly donated by staff)

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 £73.85.

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.

Lisa Jenkins Head Teacher

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

We have had a really good response to our expression of interest letter about our Santa trip to Hall Hill Farm on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December**. Our deadline to return paperwork is **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October**.

Our Nativity will be held up at Woodhouse Close Church at **10.30am on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**.

Our Christmas party will be on the morning of **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December**. This year we are holding the party in Nursery and we have booked Professor Nicompoop, a local children's entertainer. There will be a small charge towards this cost as well as the party food. More details to follow. Afternoon children are very welcome to swap to the morning session so that they don't miss out!

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.

**Dates for your diary...**

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October (morning) and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October (afternoon):** Knitted bible at Bishop Auckland Baptist Church - To be confirmed

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 12.45pm - 2.15pm:** Spooky themed Stay and Play (please write your name on our list if you intend to join us)

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 10am - 11.30am:** Spooky themed Stay and Play (please write your name on our list if you intend to join us)

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 10.30am:** Harvest Festival at Woodhouse Close Church (we have a box in the Nursery entrance for cans and packets to donate to our elderly neighbours) **PLEASE NOTE, NO SWIMMING LESSONS ON THIS DATE**

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October:** Trip to Hullabaloo Theatre in Darlington - final arrangements have now been completed.

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October:** Local photographer in school taking 'Christmas' photos (ideal Christmas gifts perhaps?)

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October:** Break up for half term (1 week)

**Next half term:**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November:** school reopens after half-term

**Week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> November:** Parent/carer consultations - please make an appointment directly with your child's key worker

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December:** Advent Window unveiling, more details to follow

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December:** Santa visit to Hall Hill Farm - please return paperwork by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December:** 10.30am - Nativity at Woodhouse Close Church

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December:** Break up for Christmas

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January:** School reopens

**GOVERNOR NEWS...**

We are sad to inform you that Mrs Lucy Ridley has stepped down from our Governing Body due to increasing work commitments. Mrs Ridley brought a wealth of creative knowledge and was instrumental in supporting our school to collect evidence towards our Heritage Award - we are really grateful for her support and suggestions and wish her well for the future.

All committees have already met and the School Development and Monitoring plans for the year ahead have been agreed. Governors will monitor outcomes for all children, with a continued focus on Communication and Language as well as Music development. The Nursery Team will continue to develop the indoor and outdoor areas in order to maximise learning opportunities for the children.

We currently have 2 spaces for Parent Governors who are passionate about young children's education and development. Please speak to Mrs Jenkins if you are interested.

Lisa Jenkins Head Teacher