

SEPTEMBER 2017



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.

Welcome to our first newsletter of the new school year!

Back in July we said goodbye to 32 families as their children left us to start Reception Classes in local Primary Schools. Lots of them have let us know that the children are doing really well at big school... we are very proud of them all.

New friends have joined us... a very warm welcome to Luke, Zac, Halia, Sophie, Danny-Joe, Mia, Anastasia, Jake, Matthew, Joe, Penny and Freya ... we hope you will be very happy here at Aclet Close Nursery - exciting times ahead!

We also very proud of Laila M, Harry and Isla, who have moved straight through to our main Nursery room.

We have been very busy!

Over the Summer break we have been having minor building works completed and new flooring laid throughout the Nursery. We are over the moon with the very high standards of workmanship and the service we have received from **Warm Sanctuary Flooring, Durham** and **Harold Gash**, a Bishop Auckland based joiner. We would highly recommend both companies if you are thinking of home/business improvements.

The children have coped really well with the changes in the environment and our two year olds are really enjoying playing with the 'big' girls and boys. Research suggests that there are endless benefits of younger children playing with older and we are already starting to see this. One of our youngest little boys played with older boys for over an hour and a half this morning with the bricks, tunnels and cars - it was delightful to watch them all chatting and sharing their ideas.

We have also purchased some resources for the children using your school fund donations (Mickey Mouse is still in the main entrance, near the office for your £1 coins) The role play area is now 'real' for the children with a new sofa, kitchen and new utensils. We've also refreshed our mud kitchen and sand toys. Thank you very much. ☺

Stay and Play...

Our first stay and play this year will take place on **Tuesday 31st October** and will have a spooky theme. We'll pop a 'sign-up sheet' on the wall, closer to the time.



The following children celebrate their birthdays in September:

James, Eden, Oscar, Erin, Laila M and Logan.

We hope you all have a lovely time! ☺

Charity Fundraising... Great North Air Ambulance Service... a massive thank you for raising a whopping £115.30 by buying ice lollies and donations for refreshments at our Mini Graduation. This amount has been added to Mrs Jenkins' just giving page. www.justgiving.com/Lisa-JJ Mrs Jenkins completed the Great North Run in 2 hours 26 mins whilst Mrs Staines completed it in 2 hours 6 mins for Tommy's. Well done to those of you who also ran on Sunday too! ☺

Dates for your diary...

- Swimming lessons for our 3 and 4 year olds start again on **Wednesday 20th September**
- We will be holding our week long bake off to raise money for Macmillan Cancer during the week commencing **25th September**.
- We have our school photographers from Phototronic in school on **Monday 16th October**... more details to follow
- On **Friday 20th October** we have a trip planned to see 'A Square World' at Bishop Auckland Town Hall... more details to follow
- We break up for half term on **Friday 20th October** and return on **Monday 30th October**
- Our Spooky Stay and Play will take place on the morning and afternoon of **Tuesday 31st October**, timings to be confirmed
- Our Christmas themed Stay and Play will take place on the afternoon of **Monday 11th December** and morning of **Friday 15th December**, timings to be confirmed
- Our Nursery Nativity will be on **Wednesday 13th December**... more details to follow
- Our Nursery Christmas party will be on **Thursday 21st December**... more details to follow
- We break up on **Thursday 21st December** (staff training day on **Friday 22nd December**). We return on **Monday 8th January**

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.

School uniform...

is 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.

Fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Support...

Last year we had a week long bake off to raise money for Macmillan Cancer.

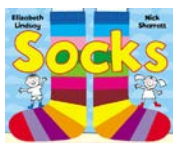
Each day the children baked something different and parents ordered what they wanted to buy.

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!

This year our bake off will be during the week commencing **Monday 25th September**. We would be grateful for your support for this very worthy charity. Keep an eye out for an order form coming your way.

Ready... set... read!

We are delighted to have been asked to take part in a new reading project, starting on **2nd October**. Mrs Staines has attended training and will use this as a case study for her Masters studying. We will be working very closely with the library and leisure services and the Early Years Advisory Team. Staff will focus on specific books and short daily activities with the children. Intended learning outcomes for the children are focussed on rhyming, storytelling and early phonic recognition.



Our first book is called '**Socks**' by Nick Sharratt and Elizabeth Lindsay.

GOVERNOR NEWS...

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Staines to the Governing Body as the Nursery Staff representative.

All committees are meeting early this term to prioritise development for the year ahead.

We are really pleased with the work that has been completed over the Summer break - the Nursery is now a light, bright spacious area that will enhance the children's learning. Capital funding, thanks to Durham County Council, was used to fund these changes.