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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 38 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 Peyton, Luke, Noah, Ruby, Harvey, Mary, William, Malaki and Ella ... we hope you will be very happy here at Aclet Close Nursery - exciting times ahead!

We are also very proud of our returning children who have settled back into Nursery life so quickly - well done all of you! ☺

Busy busy busy!

Over the Summer break we have had the last of our decoration completed. Our Qube outdoor classroom has had a coat of varnish and has been painted inside. New furniture, including new tables, stools and storage have been purchased, thanks to our successful bid for extra Capital Grant funding from Durham County Council.

We are planning lots of lovely opportunities for the children over the coming term...

Swimming sessions for our 3 and 4 year olds will restart on **Wednesday 19th September.**

Week commencing 24th September - 'Bake off' for Macmillan. Last year (and the previous 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! We would be grateful for your support for this very worthy charity. Keep an eye out for an order form coming your way.

Tuesday 2nd October - Mini first aid - our older children will have the opportunity to work with Laura Richardson. They will learn about what happens to their bodies if they are hurt and how they would be treated by a grown up.

Morning of Tuesday 9th October - our link dentist will be in school and will be happy to complete 'check ups' with Parent/Carers present.

Wednesday 17th October: Harvest Celebration at 10.30am. Come and join us up at **Woodhouse Close Church**. We would love to deliver some small boxes of canned foods to our elderly neighbours. If you are able to, please leave a can or packet in the box - we will deliver them with the children. Please note that all 'morning' children will need to be collected at 11.30am from the church and children who don't usually attend are very welcome to meet us there.

Friday 19th October: Photo day! Phototronic will be in school. Group photos including older/younger brothers and sisters can be arranged. We will confirm their arrival time ASAP.

Friday 19th October: School breaks up for half term. We return on **Monday 29th October.**

Lisa Jenkins Head Teacher



The following children celebrate their birthdays in September:
Penny, James, Edwin, Mia, Laila M and Sophia.
We hope you all have a lovely time! ☺

You're invited! One of our children,
Anastasia, is organising a charity Halloween
Party... see details below ☺



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.

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.

Does your child turn 5 between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020?

If so you will need to apply for their Primary School place.
Applications are now open and close on Tuesday 15th January 2019.

Postcards with further information are on their way to us,
otherwise you can access: www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

School Policy...

The Winter bugs have arrived already! We have had a few children suffering from sickness or upset tummies.

We are required to adhere to the 'Public Health Agency Guidance on Infection Control in Schools' which states that children must be kept at home for '48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea and/or vomiting'.

We appreciate that this can cause inconvenience and often children can seem fine after a few hours, so thank you in advance for your support with maintaining high standards of hygiene.

Handwashing with liquid soap and warm water continues to be the best way to avoid spread of infection.

Do give Mrs Buttle in the office a call to let us know if your child is poorly - we will be happy to let you know when your child can return to Nursery.

GOVERNOR NEWS...

A working party of Governors have already met to write the School Development Plan and Governor Action Plan for the coming year. Governors and staff have worked hard to ensure that all outcomes from last year's paperwork were met.

Are you passionate about young children's learning?

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. Governors meet once a term for committee meetings and then meet with the Head Teacher a couple of times over the year for a more specific focus, e.g. Health and Safety, Early Years Pupil Premium funding, Safeguarding etc.

Training and support is provided.

Please pop to the office for a chat with Mrs Jenkins if you are interested.