

SEPTEMBER 2019



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 25 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 Eliza, Harper, Amelia, Isla, Lyhla, Annie-Grace, Finley, Skylar, Jaxen, Harry, Warren and Indianna ... we hope you will be very happy here at Aclet Close Nursery School - 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!

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 18th September**.

Week commencing 23rd September - 'Bake off' for Macmillan. For the last 3 years we have 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.

Monday 23rd September - Playbus at Nursery from 9.30am - 3.30pm. If your child does not usually attend, please pop in the office for a convenient time slot. There will be no charge for this activity as we received funding from the Dales and Area Committee.

Monday 21st October from 12.45pm - 2.15pm and **Tuesday 22nd October** from 10am - 11.30am - Spooky stay and play. Please book your place by writing your name on the list on the office door to help us to organise refreshments.

Wednesday 23rd October: DATE TO BE CONFIRMED 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 in the Nursery entrance - 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 on a Wednesday morning are very welcome to meet us there. * **Please note there will be no swimming lessons on this day.**

Thursday 24th October: Trip to Hullabaloo Children's Theatre in Darlington for our older children. Please return paperwork to the office by **Friday 20th September**.

Friday 25th October: School breaks up for half term. We return on **Monday 4th November**.

Wednesday 18th December: DATE TO BE CONFIRMED Nativity at 10.30am at Woodhouse Close Church

Thursday 19th December morning session: Christmas party at Nursery (more details to follow)

Friday 20th December: School break up.

Monday 6th January: 2nd of our 4 required training days this school year.

Tuesday 7th January: School reopens for children.



The following children celebrate their birthdays in September:

Penny, Mia, Molly and Harrison

We hope you all have a lovely time! ☺

Thank you for your weekly £1 donations to school fund. As well as our healthy snacks, we have stocked up on playdough ingredients and baking ingredients - the children baked a lovely fruit crumble using our own apples and blackberries. ☺

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.

Before we broke up for the Summer holidays, we were over the moon to receive an extremely generous donation to our school funds from the Rowell family.

The team haven't yet decided how we will spend it but rest assured it will benefit lots of children. ☺

THANK YOU!

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.

We were overwhelmed by the response to our 'shout out' for help to move a tonne of sand/fill our outdoor sandpit. A special thank you to Tony and Jackie - staff and children really appreciate your kindness. THANK YOU!

Does your child turn 5 between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021?

If so, you will need to apply for their Primary School place. Applications are now open and close on Wednesday 15th January 2020.

We have already distributed further information to the families of children who will be leaving us in July. You can access: www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

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.

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 Beal 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.