

DECEMBER 2017



Welcome to our December newsletter...

The last half term has been a very busy one with lots of opportunities and new experiences for the children. Our Nursery is beginning to look very Christmassy and we hope that you like this year's Christmas cards. Miss Newton is a very talented photographer and all funds raised will be spent on the children.

Thank you for your feedback from our Spooky stay and play and Parent/Carer consultations... the team are delighted with your very positive comments.

On behalf of the Aclet Close Nursery team, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

We would like to wish a very warm welcome to Edwin and Ella who have already joined our nursery and Jackson who will be starting later this month.

In January we will be welcoming Sophia, Kaelyn, Shaynie-Leigh and Harley - we hope you will all be very happy here at Aclet Close Nursery - exciting times ahead!



We would like to wish a Happy Birthday to Ethan, Olly, Alfie and Mrs Hughes who will be celebrating their birthdays in December.

Working with partners in the local community/Charity work

We were thrilled with the children's performance at **Auckland Castle Christmas Fair** on 17th November - they did really well to learn the 6 songs. It was lovely to see so many of you there - thank you for your support. We have submitted a photo and write up to Bishop Press and hope to be published in their next edition.

The **Northern Echo** published a photo and article about our Camera Club, led by Miss Newton. The children are really enjoying it and learning lots - we envisage that all of our children, in time, will be able to take part in this project.

Thanks to your generosity, we raised £48 for **Children in Need**.

We also had our collection box and poppy items from the **British Legion**. The box has been collected though we don't have a total amount raised yet. The children watched a short animation clip from Cbeebies (www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/poppies) and we were thrilled that even our youngest children were able to sit quietly for a short time.

Do you know a family or friend who has a two or three year old?

We have a few spaces available from January. Some families, depending on their circumstances, can apply to have 15 hours of free education. (All 3 and 4 year olds are automatically entitled to 15 hours) and subject to eligibility, working families can access 30 hours of funded education. Families are always very welcome to pop in for a tour. Word of mouth is still the most popular way that families find us... thank you very much for recommending us.

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 healthy daily snacks as well as vegetables for the children to play with in the role play area, ingredients for soup, hi-viz jackets for the children to wear on school trips, the coach to Auckland Castle and books for the children's birthday gifts. School fund is also subsidising our trips to see Santa at Beamish Museum and the Christmas Party at Bamboozles.

Please remember to mark your donation off in the folder (to help us with auditing) next to the Mickey Mouse money box or ask us to if you are in a hurry.

We have received a small amount of commission from Art Screen Prints for the orders placed for cards, mugs, coasters and cushions.

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 would also appreciate it if you could be mindful about our neighbours when parking.

Thank you for your continuing support.

This month is a busy one! The children are working hard, practising their songs for our Nativity on **Tuesday 12th at 11am at Woodhouse Close Church**. You are very welcome to walk up from Nursery with us (or just meet us there if you are short on time)

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. Our school colours are red or navy blue.

Dates for your diary

- The children's last swimming lessons for the year will take place on **Wednesday 6th December** and will restart on **Wednesday 10th January**.
- **Monday 5th - Thursday 7th December:** Scholastic book fair (a chance to stock up on Christmas prezzies)
- Our Christmas themed Stay and Play will take place on the afternoon of **Monday 11th December** (2pm - 3pm) and morning of **Friday 15th December** (10.30am - 11.30am)
- Our Nursery Nativity will be on **Tuesday 12th December at 11am at Woodhouse Close Church**.
- Our trip to see Santa at Beamish Museum will take place on **Wednesday 20th December**.
- Our Nursery Christmas party will be from 9am - 11am on **Thursday 21st December at Bamboozles soft play**.
- We break up on **Thursday 21st December** (staff training day on **Friday 22nd December**). We return on **Monday 8th January 2018**.

If you haven't already organised your child's Christmas cards...

in the interest of time, money and the environment, we encourage your children to send just one card to all of their Nursery friends. ☺

GOVERNOR NEWS...

Governors wish all children and their families a Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy 2018.

Improvements to the Nursery building will continue with decoration to be completed over the Christmas break. We are very pleased to have received Capital Funding from the Local Authority to enable this.

In November Mrs Jago and Mrs Jenkins completed the school's Safeguarding audit whilst in October Mrs Dransfield and Mrs Jenkins met to review the school's Health and Safety procedures.