

NOVEMBER 2019



Poppies are available from the office at the end of each session. ☺

**Welcome to our November newsletter...**

We hope you have all had a lovely half term break; it is hard to believe that we have already completed our first half term of the academic year. The next half term promises to be a very busy and exciting time with lots of opportunities and experiences for the children; we will also be inviting you to meet with staff to find out more about your child's achievements and progress at Nursery.

We are expecting the proofs back from Val Fairhurst, photographer, this week - you will be able to order and pay for what you would like. Christmas presents for family members maybe?

*We would like to wish a very warm welcome to the new children joining our Aclet Close family this month... Preston, Wainey-Joe and Hughie. We hope you will all be very happy here - exciting times ahead!*



We have no children with a November birthday; however Mrs Beal and Miss Newton will be celebrating theirs! ☺

**Supporting charities...**

*We have received a thank you poster from **Macmillan Cancer Support** for raising £73.85 during our bake off week. Children and staff had a great time. Thank you for supporting us too!*

*We appreciate that budgets are tight, particularly at this time of year on the run up to Christmas. If you can spare a few pennies this month we will be supporting **The Royal British Legion** ...*

*In the office we have a box full of merchandise with suggested donations of 50p per item and of course, our paper poppies (donations of any amount). Let us remember and honour all who served, sacrificed and changed our world during the First World War as well as those who have since continued to secure and protect our freedom.*

*We'll be sharing this short CBeebies animation with the children:*

*<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p02qvbd9>*

**Spooky Stay and play sessions...**

It was lovely to have some of our parents, grandparents and families come and join us to come and play. We would be really grateful if you could give us some honest feedback and place your feedback form in the box in the Nursery main entrance. Thank you.



**Please can you ensure that your child's name is in all of their belongings including swimming kit?**

**Thank you ☺**

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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, birthday gifts for the children and baking ingredients as well as Halloween/Autumn enhancements.

Back in July we had a very generous donation to school fund from the Rowell family. We have purchased 2 balance bikes and helmets and the rest will be used to subsidise the Santa trip to Hall Hill farm so lots of children will benefit. ☺

**If you haven't contributed to school fund for a while, our funds are running a little low and we would really appreciate any donations.**

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)

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.

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.

Dates for your diary

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

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November:** morning - Artist, Laura Brenchley working with children on our Advent Window contribution

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November:** last swimming session this year. Sessions will start again in January.

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December:** 11am - Advent Window unveiling at Trimmers Hair Salon

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December:** Santa visit to Hall Hill Farm

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December:** 10.30am - Nativity at Woodhouse Close Church (afternoon children are welcome to swap to morning session)

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December:** School closed for General Elections

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December:** Children are very welcome to wear Christmas jumpers - no need to go out and buy one though!

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December:** morning session - Christmas Party at Nursery - Professor Nincompoop, children's entertainer in school. More details to follow.

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

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

GOVERNOR NEWS...

Governors are delighted that Mrs Jenkins has applied and been accepted to train to be an 'Early Years Champion'.

She will work closely with other professionals from Bishop Auckland schools and nurseries as well as specialists from the Department for Education to learn about the latest techniques to accelerate young children's learning in Communication, Language and Mathematics. This 2 year project will empower all Nursery staff and bring new opportunities for our children and families.

Governors are pleased to announce that Mrs Garfield has joined the Nursery Governing Body as a Parent Governor; we look forward to working together for the benefit of children and families.

We have 1 vacancy left for a Parent Governor. Training and support is provided. Please pop to the office for a chat with Mrs Jenkins if you are interested.