

March 2020



Please find your free Easter raffle ticket attached to this newsletter. Write your child's name on the back of it and place it in the box in the Nursery entrance. It will be drawn at lunch time on Wednesday 1st April. Additional tickets are on sale for 20p each from the office, with all proceeds going to School funds.

*Opportunities for our children and families ...*

**Parent Consultations - weeks commencing 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March**

Although we do like to speak to parents, carers and grandparents regularly, this is an opportunity to meet in a quieter space to discuss your child and discuss how we can work together to ensure they continue to make good progress. If you aren't able to come on the day we have chosen, we are very happy to make an alternative time - you can arrange this directly with your child's key worker for the beginning or end of a session.

**Shrove Tuesday** - The children had a great time learning about the traditions of Shrove Tuesday, reading the Mr Wolf's Pancakes story, writing shopping lists and of course, the best bit... making and eating them!

**World Book Day** - some of our older children will be visiting WHSmith in Bishop Auckland to exchange their world book token for a book. WHSmith have very kindly ordered in enough books for all of our children... these will be distributed over the week. Please return consent letters ASAP.

Our Toddler group meets on a Monday afternoons from 12.45pm - 2.15pm. The children can play with our resources and take part in creative activities, stories and rhymes. The cost is £1 per child and the children can have a snack and drink. Refreshments are available for the adults. All welcome!

Our next event will be our Special Ladies' stay and play on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March from 1pm - 2.30pm and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March from 10am - 11.30am Please 'sign up' on the office door ASAP if you would like to come along so that we can organise refreshments.

Zoo Lab will be in school on the morning of Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - please see separate letter for more information.

**Dentist in school** - Do take advantage of this service offered by Hyder and Burgess Dentists. We are required to have a minimum of number children seen in order for our visits to continue. They are very patient with the children and often having an examination in a familiar place can be easier for the children. Date to follow.

**'School Readiness and Phonics' workshops...** Mrs Staines will be holding sessions after the Easter holidays for children who will be leaving us in July to start Primary School. We will share tips which will help your child to have a smooth transition. We will send out invitations for the children this applies to. Closer to the time, we will be inviting staff from Primary Schools to come and see the children in Nursery - we will keep you informed.



The following children will be celebrating their birthdays this month... Indie, Elijah, Oscar, Waaney-Joe, Skylar and Joseph, Freddie and Preston. HAPPY BIRTHDAY to you all! Miss Stout, Mrs Staines and Mrs Barraclough will be celebrating their birthdays too.

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On behalf of staff and children I would like to say a very big 'thank you' for your donations to school fund.

This month with your weekly £1 donations we have bought:

- Daily healthy snacks
- Ingredients and toppings for Shrove Tuesday pancakes
- The Zoo Lab experience this month will also be subsidised by school fund

*Please remember to tick your child's name in the folder next to the Mickey Mouse money box.*

### WELCOME!

A very warm welcome to the Aclet Close Nursery School family to...

Zara, Anira and Mickey and families - we hope you will be very happy here... exciting times ahead! 😊

**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 also be mindful of our neighbours.**

**Thank you for your continuing support.**

### Corona Virus...

we continue to follow advice from Public Health Agency; (information attached)

Please continue to encourage your family to 'catch it, bin it, kill it' when coughing and sneezing.

### Dates for your diary...

- **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March:** Official World Book Day - we will have our own celebrations in school - no need to 'dress up'
- **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March onwards:** Parent/Carer consultations - an opportunity to meet with your child's key worker to find out about their progress
- **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March: Morning:** Zoo Lab in school (see separate letter for more information)
- **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April:** School breaks up for Easter break
  
- **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April:** School reopens after Easter
- **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May:** School closed - Bank Holiday
- **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May:** Schools breaks up for half term
  
- **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June:** School reopens
- **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July:** School closes for Summer break

### Provisional dates...

- *Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July - family trip to Seaside*
- *Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July - Mini graduation for children leaving us in July to go to Primary school in September*

*More details to follow 😊*

### Governors

Finance and Curriculum committees are due to meet over the next few weeks.

Miss Ellis is working with Mrs Staines to ensure we meet our 'Special Educational Needs' (SEN) requirements. The school SEN policy and Accessibility Plans have recently been updated.

The School Financial Value Standard has also been completed.

**We still have 1 place for a Parent Governor on our Full Governing Body team.**

Please speak to Mrs Jenkins if you are interested; we require you to attend 1 meeting per term and to work with Mrs Jenkins once during the year to monitor an agreed area e.g. health and safety, safeguarding. Attendance at appropriate training is also encouraged.