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Happy New Year and welcome to our January newsletter...

We know that some of our families have been affected by Covid over Christmas and rising cases nationally are a concern. Please be reassured that we will continue to do everything we can to keep children, families and staff safe.

**A last reminder for families of children who will be starting Primary School in September 2022 - applications to admissions close on 15<sup>th</sup> January.**

**A direct link is available on our Nursery Face Book page  
(search for Aclet Close Nursery School)**



We would like to wish a Happy Birthday to Arosa-Leigh, Leo, Cohen and Jonjo who are celebrating their birthdays in January. We hope you all have a lovely time ☺

*We have new friends joining us this month... we will look forward to offering a very warm welcome to Henry, Bella, Tommy, Ada and Aoife- 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. We would also appreciate it if you could use the laybys and be mindful about our neighbours when parking - please avoid their driveways and the grass verges. We did have a minor complaint from one of our neighbours before Christmas and would appreciate you reminding all adults that drop off and collect your children.**

**Thank you for your continuing support.**

### School Fund...

On behalf of staff and children, I would like to say a very big 'thank you' for your voluntary donations to our School Fund. You have paid for the children's healthy daily snacks and also subsidised our Christmas party, family trip to Hall Hill Farm and theatre trip for our older children as well as the children's Christmas books and crafty bits for the children's keepsakes.

Children currently attending school can pay their weekly contribution directly into our school bank account: Account number: 20101478 Sort code: 20-09-44 We suggest contributions of £2 per week for children attending 30 hours and £1 per week for children attending 15 hours or less.

### Easy Fundraising...

Many thanks to those of you that are supporting us when online shopping. Since setting our account up last November, our supporters have raised over £240. It is really easy to sign up and you just click on a link before choosing your online retailer (all the big names are on there)

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/acletclosenursery/>

The donation to school is often just pennies, but it does add up!

Useful website...

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>

Lisa Jenkins Head Teacher

### Opportunities for the children

#### Getting out and about...

We were so glad to get the children out and about a little during December. Our older children loved the trip to the Bishop Town Hall theatre performance of The Nutcracker Remixed; and the trip to Hall Hill Farm and party day at Bamboozles were also big hits. Staff have already discussed changes we would make in future, but please don't hesitate to let us know your thoughts and suggestions.

#### Swimming lessons...

Next Wednesday (12<sup>th</sup> January) swimming sessions for our older children will start at Woodhouse Close Leisure Centre. Letters have gone out, please read the information carefully and ask any questions. Please note that sessions must be paid in advance, as we are required to pay the Leisure Centre in a timely manner.

#### Morrisons Grow Vouchers...

Thank you for collecting and nominating Morrisons vouchers for us. We have been able to order some wheelbarrows, compost and seeds and will let you know when they arrive.

#### 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 jumper colours are red or navy blue.

#### Governors' news...

Governors would like to wish all children and families a Happy and Health New Year.

#### Goodbye and Welcome...

At the end of the Autumn Term, the Nursery team said 'Goodbye' to Miss Matthews who left to pursue her teaching career and also got married during the Christmas break! Congratulations to the happy couple and best of luck with new adventures, Mrs Balmer.

A new member of staff will join our team working with 2 year olds and an updated staffing list will be available on the school website in due course.

#### Monitoring...

During the Spring term Governors will be continuing their monitoring roles, looking at how Early Years Pupil Premium funding is being spent and completing the School's Financial Value Standard as well as reviewing how we support our children with Special Educational Needs including reviewing our 'Supporting Children with Special Educational Needs' Policy.

#### Parent Governor role...

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

#### Dates for your diary

- **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Jan:** School closed for staff training (3<sup>rd</sup> of 5)
- **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Jan:** School reopens to children
- **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Swimming lessons for older children restart
- **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb:** School breaks up for half term
- **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb:** School reopens to children
- **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April:** School breaks up for Easter
- **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April:** School reopens
- **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May:** School closed - Bank Holiday
- **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May:** School closed for staff training (4<sup>th</sup> of 5)
- **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May:** School closes for May half term
- **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May:** School closed for Queen's Jubilee (additional Bank Holiday)
- **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June:** School closed for staff training (5<sup>th</sup> of 5)
- **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June:** School reopens for children
- **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July:** School closes for Summer break