

March 2022

Welcome to our March newsletter!

Opportunities for our children and families ...

World Book Day - Thursday 3rd March. As you already know from our message on Class Dojo, we don't ask for the children to be dressed up for World Book Day. This year we will be working remotely/online with an author, Sarah Oliver (this will be funded using your weekly School Fund donations)

Please find your child's £1 voucher attached to this newsletter that you will be able to exchange in supermarkets/bookshops.

Swimming lessons (older children only)...

Lessons will continue and we have adapted groups and timings as the children have become more confident and a few more children have joined in. Please share your thoughts/feedback with us; we'd love to have some more recent comments on our website.

Zoo Lab... we have organised for Zoo Lab to bring their insects and creepy crawlies in to Nursery on the morning of Wednesday 27th April. This will be an experience for our older children in main Nursery. We will be asking families to donate a small amount and the full cost will be subsidised by School Fund. (More details to follow)

'School Readiness and Phonics' workshops... After Easter Mrs Staines will lead some sessions to help parents and carers of our July 2022 leavers with some tips to help with a smooth transition to Primary School. At present we are investigating the best way to do this and will let you know of dates.

We usually invite Reception Class staff from our feeder Primary Schools to come and see the children in Nursery but will need to wait and see if our school and their risk assessments allow - we will keep you informed.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee... schools have been able to choose their own date to close for the additional bank holiday. We have 'tagged' our date (Friday 27th May) on to the May Half Term break so we will break up on Thursday 26th May and school reopens on Tuesday 7th June. We have everything crossed that we will be able to invite families to come and join in our Nursery celebrations and have submitted a bid for a grant so there will be no cost to families.



The following children will be celebrating their birthdays this month... John-Ronnie, Francis, John Patrick, Harlyn and Jax as well as Mrs Staines, Mrs Barraclough and Miss Garvey.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY to you all!

WELCOME!

At the end of this month we will be extending a very warm welcome from the Aclet Close Nursery School family to Phoebe, William and Ellis ... exciting times ahead! ☺

Lisa Jenkins Headteacher

School fund... Thank you very much for your donations to school fund. You have paid for an author to work with the children as part of our World Book Day celebrations, provided our twice daily snacks as well as play dough ingredients, spring plants, pancake ingredients and toppings! We have also ordered caterpillars to hatch into butterflies - they are due to arrive in a few weeks.

For children who attend 15 hours or less, the suggested donation is **£1** a week and for children attending 30 hours, the suggested donation is **£2** a week.

Where possible, please use bank transfer (weekly or monthly is fine!)

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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**. Please remind all adults that drop off and collect your children.

Easy Fundraising... Many thanks to those of you that are supporting us when online shopping. Since setting our account up in November 2020, our supporters have raised over £280. It is really easy to sign up and just click on a link before choosing your online retailer.

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

The donation to school is often just pennies, but it does add up and it is all spent on the children.

Dates for your diary

- **Thursday 3rd March:** World Book Day
- **Friday 8th April:** School breaks up for Easter break
- **Monday 25th April:** School reopens after Easter
- **Wednesday 27th April:** No swimming lessons today
- **Wednesday 27th April:** Zoo Lab (creepy crawlies) in school for older children (more details to follow)
- **Monday 2nd May:** School closed - Bank Holiday
- **Thursday 5th May:** School closed to children - building used for elections/staff training day 4th of 5
- **Thursday 26th May:** Schools breaks up for May half term
- **Thursday 26th May:** Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in school - more details to follow
- **Friday 27th May:** School closed - additional bank holiday for Queen's platinum jubilee
- **Monday 6th June:** School closed to children - Staff training day 5th of 5
- **Tuesday 7th June:** School reopens
- **Thursday 21st July:** School closes for Summer break

Governors' news...

Governors' Full Governing Body meeting is due to take place next week.

Monitoring...

During the Spring term Governors will be continuing their monitoring roles, and finalising our budget for the coming financial year.

We have approved the work and supplier to complete the next phase of work to improve the grounds and opportunities for the children - resurfacing work to the playground for 2 year olds will be completed during the Easter break.

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.