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& FEBRUARY 2023



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

We have had a brilliant start to the term, our older children have come back in really well and we are helping our new children to settle in.

A last reminder for families of children who will be starting Primary School in September 2023 - applications to admissions close on 15th January.

A direct link to Durham County Council is available on our Nursery Face Book page.

New friends joining us this month... a very warm welcome to Ellis, Alfie, Rowan, Harper, Bobby, Kennedy, Leon and Alfred - 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 Phoebe, Harmony-Rose, William, Cohen and Jonjo who are celebrating their birthdays in January and Latalya-Rose, Annielou and Ellis who have their birthdays in February. Have a lovely time ☺

Working with families/working with partners in the local community/charity work/getting out and about Nativity... We had one or two children with stage fright but we were so proud of them all and it was lovely to see so many of you.

Trip to Hall Hill Farm to see Santa... Everyone had a wonderful time, thank you for your support and feedback. This trip was subsidised by school fund.

Christmas Party at Bamboozles Soft Play... Once again we held our Christmas Party at Bamboozles and a good time was had by all. This event was subsidised by school fund.

Blackberry Donkeys... This treat was a surprise and was well received by children and staff. This visit was paid for using school fund.

Woodhouse Leisure Centre... Our older children love their swimming lessons on a Wednesday morning! More children will be invited to attend this term - watch out for a text and more information.

Little Chefs, Big Chefs... Jo (and volunteer, Neale) continue to provide us with bakery items and treats from local supermarkets to prevent them from going to landfill. Please help yourselves from the green crates - items can generally be frozen if not eaten on the day.

Angel Trust... We were very grateful to receive some gifts through their Christmas Toy Appeal again this year.

Tesco... A big thank you to Tesco Bishop Auckland and John Bailey for donating some of the mince pies for families attending our Nativity.

Woodhouse Close Community Centre... We managed to drop a few items at the Food Bank before we broke up.

SPAR... Some of the children have visited the new shop on Brooklands and were a little spoilt by the staff ☺ we look forward to more children visiting to buy our snack items.

School Fund...

On behalf of staff and children, we 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 our visit from Blackberry Donkeys as well as the children's Birthday gifts, Christmas gifts and crafty bits for the children's keepsakes.

Thanks to your generosity, sales of our Christmas cards/photographs boosted school funds a little, but it is now a bit depleted; we would be grateful if you could pay your weekly contribution via Parentpay, if you haven't already.

Lisa Jenkins Head Teacher

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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 and also be mindful of our neighbours. Please refrain from parking on the grass/mud - parking in the laybys is much appreciated.

Thank you for your continuing support.

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.

Class Dojo app...

This is our online platform which we originally set up to provide a better way to keep in touch with Parents and Carers and to celebrate children's achievements. If you aren't on Class Dojo yet, please give us a ring - we just need to have your permission to add you to the system.

Easy Fundraising...

Do you shop online? Since November 2020, some of our staff and supporters of the school have been using a fundraising website/app called Easy Fundraising. Lots of retailers donate a small amount of commission to us (at no extra cost to you) and it soon adds up for us! So far we have raised over £468.

It is really easy to register with them and search for us (Aclet Close Nursery School)

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

You just shop as you usually would, but always click on Easy Fundraising first.

Dates for your diary

- **Sunday 15th January:** Deadline for applications for children starting Primary School in September 2023. (see info on front page of this newsletter)
- **Friday 17th February:** School breaks up for half term
- **Monday 27th February:** School reopens after half term
- **Thursday 2nd March:** World Book Day
- **Friday 31st March:** School breaks up for Easter break
- **Monday 17th April:** School reopens after Easter
- **Monday 1st May:** School closed - Bank Holiday
- **Thursday 4th May:** School closed to children - building used for elections (Training Day 4)
- **Monday 8th May:** School closed - King Charles III - Coronation Bank Holiday
- **Friday 26th May:** School breaks up for Whit Week
- **Monday 5th June:** School reopens
- **Friday 21st July:** School closes for Summer break
- **Monday 4th September:** School reopens

Useful website...

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

Governors' news...

Happy New Year and welcome to our existing and new families.

Monitoring...

During the Autumn term, Mrs Barion has monitored Early Years Pupil Premium and Governor training and development.

During the Spring term, Governors will be ensuring that we meet/exceed Safeguarding requirements, updating the Special Educational Needs Policy and our Schools Financial Value Standard will be drafted.

Curriculum and Finance Committees as well as the Full Governing Body will be meeting this term.

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