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Welcome to our November and December newsletter...

The last half term has been a very busy one with lots of opportunities and new experiences for the children. Our Nursery will soon start to look very Christmassy and we have lots more lovely things to look forward to.

*On behalf of the Aclet Close Nursery team,
I would like to wish you all a
very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.*

This month Florence will be joining us and in January we will be welcoming more new children and families - we hope they will all be very happy here at Aclet Close Nursery School - exciting times ahead!

We would like to wish a Happy Birthday to Daisie-Rae and Valana who have November birthdays and Aoife, Evie, Aspen and Willow who will be celebrating their birthdays in December.



We are delighted to let you know that we raised £68 during our bake off to raise funds for Macmillan. The children had a wonderful time making and baking, thank you for your support.

All things Christmassy...

- **Christmas cards...** as usual, in the interest of the environment, time and cost, your child is welcome to bring one Christmas card for everyone in the Nursery. From December 1st, there will be a box at the Nursery entrance - we will empty it and display the cards in Nursery.
- **Christmas gifts for staff...** over the years it has almost become a tradition for children to give their Teachers a Christmas gift. Whilst very much appreciated, our staff do not expect this and we would rather you spent those few pounds on your families!
- **Christmas Party...** This year our Christmas party will take place at Bamboozles Soft Play on the morning of our last day, **Friday 16th December**. Food (pizza, sausage, nuggets, onion ring and chips) is included in the package. The deadline for paperwork and payment is **Friday 9th December** and will be subsidised by school fund. Please let us know if you need your child to swap sessions that week ASAP.
- **Trip to Hall Hill Farm to see Santa...** **Monday 5th December**, the bus will leave at 9.15am and we will back in Bishop Auckland between 2pm and 2.30pm. Please ensure paperwork is completed and payment made by **Thursday 1st December**.
- **Christmas jumpers...** Your child is very welcome to wear a Christmas jumper/t-shirt at any time and especially during our last week of Nursery (Monday 12th - Friday 16th December). We do not ask for a donation to charity.
- **Christmas Nativity...** This year we are doing things a little differently - please see separate letter for further information.
- **Christmas tree festival...** we are involved with this again - the children will make decorations which will be used on the Christmas trees in St Anne's church - more information to follow.

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 healthy daily snacks, birthday gifts, playdough ingredients, Christmas gifts, and wrapping paper as well as Halloween and Christmassy creative bits and bobs.

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. 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.

Thank you for your continuing support.

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 almost £420.

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.

So far we have used Amazon, Screwfix, Etsy, Studio, Gap, Sainsbury's Groceries, Just Eat, H Samuel, John Lewis, Marks & Spencers and Ebay. There's lots of other retailers there... feel free to ask your friends and family to support us too. Every penny is spent on nice things for the children ☺

School uniform... is optional and available from Cre8tive (12 Peel Street, Bishop Auckland Tel: 01388 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.

Dates for your diary

Weds 23rd Nov: last swimming lessons until January

Thurs 1st Dec: deadline for Hall Hill paperwork and payments

Mon 5th Dec: Visit to see Santa at Hall Hill Farm

Fri 9th Dec: deadline for Bamboozles paperwork and payments

Weds 14th Dec: Nativity in school (please see separate letter for further information)

Fri 16th Dec: School breaks up for Christmas

Fri 16th Dec: Party day at Bamboozles

Mon 19th Dec: School closed for Staff Training (2)

Tues 20th Dec: School closed for Staff Training (3)

Weds 4th Jan: School reopens

Fri 17th Feb: School breaks up for half term

Mon 27th Feb: School reopens

Fri 31st Mar: School breaks up for Easter

Mon 17th Apr: School reopens

Mon 1st May: School closed - Bank Holiday

Thurs 4th May: School closed for Staff Training (4)

Mon 8th May: School closed on additional Bank Holiday (King Charles' coronation)

Fri 26th May: School breaks up for May Half Term

Mon 5th June: School reopens

Fri 21st July: School breaks up for Summer

GOVERNOR NEWS...

We have some good news and some bad news...

Good news - Mrs Paula Barion joined our Governing Body during the Summer break. Mrs Barion has already completed her induction training and has been in to school to work with Mrs Jenkins.

Bad news - unfortunately, Miss Mahmoud will need to step down from our Governing Body due to moving home. Miss Mahmoud may support another school closer to where she now lives and we wish her every success with her future plans.

Curriculum and Finance Committees as well as the Full Governing Body have already met this term and the School Development Plan and Governors' Action Plans have been written. These will focus on ensuring that we take on board the feedback from Ofsted.

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.

Governors wish all children, their families and our supporters a Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy 2023.

Lisa Jenkins Head Teacher