

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2022



Breakfast Club...
is available daily
on a drop in basis.
Come and join us
from 8am -
8.30am at a cost
of £2 per child.



Welcome to our first newsletter of the new school year!

We are so glad to be back and have missed you all. The children have all grown so much and have really done you all proud, they have settled into routines very quickly and it feels like they've never been away!

Back in July we managed to offer mini-graduations for our school leavers, with family groups coming to say goodbye. 29 big girls and boys have left us to start Reception Classes in local Primary Schools - we wish them all the very best and look forward to hearing how they get on.

Many thanks to **Roamah at Clockwork Education** (our preferred supply agency) who very kindly provided all the school leavers with a storybook about 'Starting School'.

New friends have already joined us... a very warm welcome to Lawe, Evie M, Eliza, Mylah, Evie K, Mikey, Messiah, Blair, Tommy-Graham and Ivy. We hope you will be very happy here at Aclet Close Nursery School - exciting times ahead!

The following children celebrate their birthdays in September:

Billy, Valana, Leo M, Bella, Ada and Hailey

We hope you all have a lovely time! 😊

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 be mindful of our neighbouring residents by parking in the lay-bys whenever you can.

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.

Week commencing 26th September...

'Bake off!' We will hold a week long bake off to raise money for Macmillan Cancer. Look out for an **order form** - the children will bake a variety of goods and as we are now a cashless school, we will add your 'bill' to Parentpay.

In support of
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Swimming lessons...

Swimming lessons will commence on **Wednesday 5th October** for our older children (Group 1) that have already been with us before. Further information to follow.

From 2nd November, we will increase numbers to include more children (Group 2). Again, this will be for our older children only.

We will let you know by text, closer to the time, which group your child is in and their start date.

Lisa Jenkins Head Teacher

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The Team at Aclet Close Nursery School...

- **Office:** Mrs Jenkins (Head Teacher) and Mrs Ellis (Admin Officer)
 - **Main Nursery:** (3 and 4 year olds) Mrs Staines (Deputy Head Teacher), Mrs Metcalfe, Miss Newton, Mrs Emberson and Miss Harrison
 - **2's room:** Mrs Steggles, Miss Garvey and Miss Barker
- ☺ Please don't hesitate to give us a ring if you have any concerns or questions

**Does your child turn 5 between 1st September 2023
and 31st August 2024?**

If so, you will need to apply for their Primary School place. Applications have already opened and close on 15th January 2023. We have shared information with families this applies to and you can access at: www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Cashless school...

We are now a cashless and Parentpay will be used. Additional information attached.

Dates for your diary...

Please note that schools are required to complete 4 days of training this academic year:

Mon 5th Sept: School closed for Staff Training (1)

Mon 19th Sept: Bank Holiday

Fri 23rd Sept: Older children will enter competition at Bishop Auckland Town Council Horticultural Show - you can view them on Saturday 24th Sept.

Week commencing 26th Sept: 'Macmillan bake off' - order form to follow and donations via Parentpay

Weds 5th Oct: swimming lessons restart for Group 1 - older children that have been with us before

Friday 21st Oct: School breaks up for half term

Mon 31st Oct: School reopens after half term

Weds 2nd Nov: swimming lessons start for Group 2 - older children that have not been with us before

Weds 7th Dec: Proposed visit to see Santa (to be confirmed)

Weds 14th Dec: Proposed Nativity (to be confirmed)

Fri 16th Dec: School breaks up for Christmas

Fri 16th Dec: Proposed party day (to be confirmed)

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)

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...

School Inspection...

You will all be aware that Ofsted carried out a one day inspection (2 inspectors) on Wednesday 20th July - the day before schools broke up for the Summer! The Nursery was inspected against the Primary School's framework, rather than the Early Years framework that is used by private nurseries.

As you would expect, the process was very rigorous and Governors received very positive feedback. (They also said that your children are delightful☺)

We have not yet received the draft report; when it arrives, the school is given 5 days to check for inaccuracies before we are able to share it with you.

We usually have a draft School Development Plan in place within the first few weeks of September but will wait until the Ofsted report is received.

Are you passionate about young children's learning?

We currently have a vacancy for a **Parent Governor**. Governors usually meet once a term for committee meetings and then meet with the Head Teacher a couple of times over the year for a more specific focus, e.g. Health and Safety, Early Years Pupil Premium funding, Safeguarding etc.

Training and support is provided. Please ring for a chat with Mrs Jenkins if you are interested.

Improvements to Nursery grounds...

Over the Summer break, further work has been completed on the main outdoor play area. Once again we commissioned **DCM** who have resurfaced spaces under the swing, nature's kitchen and climbing frame as well as a small patch near the tunnel.

Lisa Jenkins Head Teacher