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MAY & JUNE 2023



The Summer Term is usually our busiest in the school calendar with lots of lovely opportunities for the children...

Coronation Garden Party (9th May)

What a fabulous afternoon we all had! Games and activities, face paints, tattoos, snacks, cakes, bubbles and music, ice cream van and photos with King Charles - we all loved it! Thank you for coming to support us and for all the lovely feedback we have received. We would love to share your thoughts on our website - you are very welcome to let us know via the school email address (above) via Class Dojo or tell a member of staff! There were lots of other organisations who supported us including **Bishop Auckland Town Council, Auckland Youth and Community Centre, King James I Academy, The Food Warehouse and Whips and Scoops** ice cream van.

Open Evening (9th May)

We were delighted to welcome families who would like their children to attend our Nursery for a tour. Almost all families who contact us say they have been recommended by family and friends. This means a lot to us... thank you!

We have a few spaces left until July and more spaces from September when our big girls and boys leave us to go to big school. Visitors are very welcome to come and meet us and can complete an online application if that is easier: <https://www.acletclose.durham.sch.uk/parents/application-forms/>

July 23 leavers...

Before we know it, our big girls and boys will be leaving us to start Reception Class in Primary School! Mrs Staines will be holding 2 workshops, School Readiness and Phonics, which will support parents/carers of children who will be leaving us in July 23 to start Primary School. (**Tues 13th 11-11.30am or Thurs 15th June 2.30-3pm**) We will also be holding a 'Mini Graduation' - save the date - **Wednesday 19th July**.

Healthy Eating...

Did you know that it is really important for children to eat nutritious food in order for good health and development?

Our school website is regularly being updated and our section about Healthy Eating (on the drop down menu under Parents) includes advice about 'picky eaters' and suggestions for a healthy packed lunch as well as our Packed Lunch Policy.

[Healthy Eating \(acletclose.durham.sch.uk\)](http://www.acletclose.durham.sch.uk)

Angel Trust clothing collection (Wednesday 7th June)

On **Wednesday 7th June**, we will be having a clothing collection for Angel Trust - we will give you a bin bag that you can fill with unwanted clothing and drop off, **on that day only**, between 8am and 3.45pm. More information to follow.

Family seaside trip (Wednesday 5th July)

We are hoping to be successful with our application for a grant to enable us to invite you all on our annual family seaside trip to South Shields. Fingers crossed and we will let you know as soon as we can.

Lisa Jenkins Head Teacher

WELCOME...

A very warm welcome to Myles - we hope you will be very happy here!



Many happy returns to Frankie, Oscar, Cody and Bobby who have May birthdays and Majesty, Bryson, Frances-May, Eliza, Jude, Louis and Evie M have June birthdays. We hope you have all had a lovely time.

SCHOOL FUND... THANK YOU! On behalf of staff and children, I would like to say a very big 'thank you' for your donations to school fund. As well as providing the children's daily healthy snacks, we have also bought resources for our Coronation themed garden party and items for our gardens.

Now that we are cashless school, families are using Parentpay to donate their weekly contribution to school fund. As a guide we suggest £1 per week for children attending 15 hours a week and £2 per week for children attending up to 30 hours a week. If you are struggling to access Parentpay, please speak to Mrs Beal. We can also print off a bar code that can be taken to the local shop if you prefer to use cash.

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. Thank you ☺

Dates for your diary...

MAY:

- **Monday 1st:** School closed - Bank Holiday
- **Thursday 4th:** School closed to children staff training day
- **Monday 8th:** School closed - Additional Bank holiday for King Charles' Coronation
- **Tuesday 9th:** Coronation Garden Party
- **Tuesday 9th:** Open Evening for new families
- **Wednesday 10th:** Swimming lessons restart
- **Friday 26th:** Schools breaks up for May half term

JUNE:

- **Monday 5th:** School reopens
- **Wednesday 7th:** Angel Trust clothing collection - fill your bin bag of unwanted clothing between 8am and 3.45pm.
- **Tuesday 13th (11- 11.30am) & Thursday 15th (2.30pm - 3.30pm)** Workshop for Parents of 23 School leavers - 'School readiness' and phonics
- **Monday 19th:** Visit to Auckland Castle for older children TBC
- **Thursday 22nd:** Visit to Auckland Castle for older children TBC

JULY:

- **Wednesday 5th:** Family seaside trip (TBC - more details to follow)
- **Wednesday 19th:** Mini Graduation for July 23 leavers
- **Friday 21st:** School closes for Summer break



Whenever you buy anything online, you could be raising free donations for Aclet Close Nursery School. Since November 2020 our 36 supporters have raised **over £560!** All you need to do is:

1. Click https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/acletclosenursery/?utm_campaign=raise-more and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, the retailer will make a donation to Aclet Close Nursery School at no extra cost to you whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and the children at Aclet Close Nursery School will be very grateful. Please share our link with your friends and family too!

GOVERNOR NEWS...

Governors' Full Governing Body and Finance and Curriculum Committees are due to take place in June.

We still have 2 parent vacancies; please speak to Mrs Jenkins if you are interested.