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

'School Readiness and Phonics' for July 24 Primary School leavers...

Before we know it, our big girls and boys will be leaving us to start Reception Class in Primary School! Information packs have been sent home and if you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact Mrs Staines.

Seaside Trip

On Wednesday 3rd July we will be holding our annual trip to South Shields! You are welcome to stay with the Nursery staff or explore and enjoy yourselves. Information on where to go and ideas of activities, will be shared with you on the day.

Trip to 'Next Door'

A group of our older children visited the newly opened café 'Next Door' which is next door to Gregory's Bakers and Deli. It was a special visit for one of our little ones, due to it being his family business. The children all had a fantastic time and we were very well looked after.

Picnic in the Park

We have been invited to take a group of our older children to Auckland Castle for a picnic and activities morning on Monday 8th July. This has always been a great experience and one which the children have thoroughly enjoyed.

Visit to Woodhouse Close Library

On Thursday 6th June the children from main Nursery made a visit to the local library. They all walked there, which is an amazing achievement for little legs and behaved brilliantly! The children took great care of the books and enjoyed the different range of stories they could explore.

Swimming lessons (older children only)

Our older children have shown great progress with their swimming sessions. Please share your thoughts/feedback with us; we'd love to have some more recent comments on our website.



The following children have their birthdays in May, June & July: Rosie-Lee, Oscar, Callie-Leigh, Cody, Bobby, Jaxon, Dolci-Diana, Arthur, Maggie, Bryson, Jude, Aria, Ivy F, Aryanna, Tara, Messiah, Adah, Ada, Mrs Steggles and Mrs Emberson... lots of birthdays over the Summer!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to you all!

New friends have joined our Nursery family this term - a warm welcome to Noah, Luke and Louella-Rose.

Lisa Jenkins and Mrs Staines - Head Teachers

Transition to Primary Schools...

Staff from Primary School Reception Classes have visited the children to observe and talk to staff about the children's interests and their progress and achievements.

Mini graduation on Wednesday 17th July for children leaving us to start Reception Classes...

Our mini graduation will take place in our Secret Garden, we have 3 groups and you will have received a letter with further information.

Exit surveys...

We continually reflect on our practice and make improvements where they are needed. When children leave us to go to Primary School, we ask parents and carers to complete an exit survey and would really appreciate your feedback and suggestions.

Gifts for staff...

Over the last few years it has become almost a 'tradition' for families to buy gifts for staff working in schools. We want you to know that although they have always been very much appreciated, there really is no need and certainly not expected by the staff here at Aclet Close. We love our jobs and a card/letter or a Facebook review is always much appreciated, if you can find the time.

Overdue fees...

We are asking for childcare fees to be paid in full by our last day, **Tuesday 23rd July**. Like most maintained schools, any debts are transferred to the Durham County Council debt recovery team.

School fund... Thank you very much for your donations to School Fund via Parentpay. You have paid for our twice daily snacks, as well as birthday gifts for the children, playdough ingredients and we also ordered some caterpillars that turned into butterflies - the children really enjoyed releasing them into our garden. **We ask for £1 a week for children who attend 15 hours or less, and £2 a week for children attending more than 15 hours.**

Your child's safety is very important to us...

Please avoid driving down the approach to the school as this puts other children and adults 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 for your continuing support.

Dates for your diary...

- **Wednesday 3rd July:** Family sea-side trip
- **Wednesday 17th July:** Mini-graduation for July 24 leavers
- **Tuesday 23rd July:** School closes for Summer
- **Wednesday 4th September:** School closed for staff training day 1
- **Thursday 5th September:** School reopens for children
- **Friday 25th October:** School closes for Half Term

Governors' news...

Curriculum and Finance Committees as well as the Full Governing Body have met this term.

We currently have a potential new Governor, more information to follow.

We currently have 1 Governor vacancy - please ring the office for a chat with Mrs Jenkins, if you are interested.