

NOVEMBER 2020



Welcome to our November newsletter...

We hope you have all had a lovely half term break; it is hard to believe that we have already completed our first half term of the academic year. The next half term promises to be a very busy and exciting time with lots of opportunities and experiences for the children.

We would like to wish a very warm welcome to Thomas G who is joining our Aclet Close family this month... We hope you will be very happy here - exciting times ahead!



We would like to wish a **Happy Birthday** to Jordan-James and Georgia who both have November birthdays. Mrs Beal and Miss Newton (who is at home with her baby) are also celebrating their birthdays - we hope you all have a lovely time! 😊

Supporting charities...

*We appreciate that budgets are very tight for lots of families. We will be supporting **The Royal British Legion** in a different way this year...*

We have decided not to have the usual merchandise and donations box due to Co-Vid19. If you would like to remember and honour all who served, sacrificed and changed our world during the First World War as well as those who have since continued to secure and protect our freedom, you are able to still donate by text:

To donate £2 text POPPY2 to 70545/ To donate £5 text POPPY5 to 70545

We'll be sharing this short CBeebies animation with the children:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p02qvbd9>

Easy Fundraising!

Do you shop online? Over the last few weeks some of our staff and supporters of the school have been trialling a fundraising website/app called Easy Fundraising. Lots of retailers will donate a small amount of commission to us (at no extra cost to you) and it soon adds up for us! 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 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 😊

Little Chef Big Chef...

We have recently received bakery items from Marks and Spencers through Jo at Little Chef Big Chef. The items are fine to eat on the day and even freeze to use later. We will text if/when we receive more - please help us to minimise food going to landfill by helping yourself to what you can use. 😊

Please can you ensure that your child's name is in all of their belongings please? Thank you 😊

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On behalf of staff and children, we would like to say a very big 'thank you' for your voluntary donations (£1 per week) to school fund. You are welcome to donate through bank transfer - this is working well for quite a few of our families or we can take cash.

School bank details:

Account Number: 20101478 Sort code: 20-09-44 Reference: please use your child's name

Last month you paid for the children's daily healthy snacks as well as Halloween/Autumn bits and pieces. We have purchased Christmas and birthday gifts for the children too.

Co-Vid19 local restrictions...

A reminder that the new national restrictions are in place from Thursday 5th November and will be reviewed on 2nd December... you can support the NHS to be able to cope by:

- staying at home, except for specific purposes
- avoiding meeting people you do not live with
- certain businesses and venues will close

These measures should reduce the growth rate of the virus which will:

- prevent the NHS from being overwhelmed
- ensure schools, colleges and universities can stay open ☺
- ensure that as many people as possible can continue to work

Please help us to continue to keep all of our families, children and staff safe by:

- minimising the number of different adults collecting your child
- ensuring that only one person at a time collects your child
- keeping your distance from other waiting families
- ringing to tell us if your child will be absent
- following the flow chart of advice attached to this newsletter

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 avoiding the grass verges and parking in the lay-bys whenever you can.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Dogs...

A quick reminder that as a Durham County Council establishment, dogs are not allowed on our premises and grounds. Thank you in advance for your support.

School uniform is optional - jumpers/cardigans are available from Cre8tive (12 Peel Street, Bishop Auckland. Tel: 664097). You can call in at the shop at your own convenience. You are also welcome to buy items from the Supermarkets; our school colours are red or navy blue.

Dates for your diary

Please find our yearly calendar attached to this newsletter

- We break up on **Thursday 17th December**. (Friday 18th is our 2nd staff training day)
- We return to school on **Monday 4th January 2021**

GOVERNOR NEWS...

Governors continue to update our very thorough CO-vid19 risk assessment on a weekly basis in line with Public Health, DfE and Local Authority advice.

Are you passionate about young children's learning? We currently have 2 vacancies for Parent Governors. Governors meet once a term for committee meetings and then meet with the Head Teacher a couple of times over the year (currently online meetings) for a more specific focus, e.g. Health and Safety, Early Years Pupil Premium funding, Safeguarding etc.

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