

SEPTEMBER 2020



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 a socially distanced mini-graduation for our school leavers, with one family at a time coming to say goodbye. The weather wasn't good to us, but it didn't dampen our spirits. 25 big girls and boys have left us to start Reception Classes in local Primary Schools. Some have had a delayed start to Primary School so we wish them all the very best and look forward to hearing how they get on.

New friends have joined us... a very warm welcome to Aliza-Rose, Arosa-Leigh, Leo, Nevae, Ayan, Guru, Mac, Lucas, Leon, Leyah, John-Ronnie, Tommy, Murphy, Seth, Archie B, Aicha, Jean, Carter, Archie S, Ada, Lillie-Mae, Adelyne and Olivia we hope you will be very happy here at Aclet Close Nursery School - exciting times ahead!



The following children celebrate their birthdays in September:

Molly, Anira, Billy-Jo and Harrison.

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.

Friday 25th September - 'Bake off' for Macmillan.

For the last 5 years we have had a week long bake off to raise money for Macmillan Cancer. Unfortunately, we won't be able to do that this year. We will supply cakes on that day and families that want to, can donate whatever they like. (We'll have a box for cash) We'll send you a reminder text the day before.



Due to Co-vid19, we won't be going far this term ☹

We will keep you informed about **Swimming lessons** for our 3 and 4 year olds but we definitely won't be starting before Christmas.

Lisa Jenkins Head Teacher

The Team at Aclet Close Nursery School...

- **Office:** Mrs Jenkins (Head Teacher) and Mrs Beal (Admin Officer)
- **Main Nursery:** (3 and 4 year olds) Mrs Staines (Deputy Head Teacher), Mrs Metcalfe & Miss Stout
- **2's room:** Mrs Hughes, Mrs Thompson & Mrs Steggle

☺ Please don't hesitate to give us a ring if you have any concerns or have any questions about your child's learning and development (we envisage that our parent consultations will be by telephone this term, dates to follow)

Does your child turn 5 between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022?

If so, you will need to apply for their Primary School place. Applications open this Monday 14th September and close on Friday 15th January 2020.

We have texted families this applies to and you can access at: www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Dates for your diary...

Please note that schools are required to complete 5 days of training this academic year.

- **Tues 1st Sept:** School closed for Staff Training (1)
- **Fri 25th Sept:** Macmillan 'Coffee morning' - cash donations on the day very welcome
- **Friday 23rd Oct:** School breaks up for half term.
- **Monday 4th Nov:** School reopens
- **Thursday 17th Dec:** School breaks up for Christmas
- **Friday 18th Dec:** School closed for Staff Training (2)
- **Mon 4th Jan:** School reopens
- **Fri 12th Feb:** School breaks up for half term
- **Mon 22nd Feb:** School reopens
- **Fri 26th Mar:** School breaks up for Easter
- **Mon 12th Apr:** School reopens
- **Fri 30th Apr:** School closed for Staff Training (3)
- **Mon 3rd May:** School closed - Bank Holiday
- **Fri 28th May:** School breaks up for May Half Term
- **Mon 7th June:** School reopens
- **Fri 16th July:** School breaks up for Summer
- **Mon 19th and Tues 20th July:** School closed for Staff Training (4 & 5)

GOVERNOR NEWS...

Governors already have a draft School Development Plan and Governor Action Plan for the coming year. Governors and staff have worked hard to ensure that all outcomes, from last year's paperwork were met.

This year our School Development Plan will focus on:

- A recovery curriculum based on the three Prime areas of learning - Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Communication and Language Development and Physical Development
- A continued focus on accelerating children's vocabulary
- A continued focus on Music development
- We are also hoping to trial a platform that will enable parents/carers to communicate with school more easily

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.