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APRIL & MAY 2021



We hope you all had a lovely Easter break ☺

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

New staff...

We have had new children join us which means we need more staff! Miss Todd and Miss Smurthwaite will now work afternoons in our main nursery room as well as Mrs Emberson who will be working Thursdays and Fridays all day. We have attached a staffing structure so you know which members of staff are teaching your child.

At half term, Mrs Thompson will leave us to spend more time with her family. It has been our privilege to work with her; Mrs Thompson has been a much valued member of our team, bringing lots of new ideas and lovely opportunities for the children - we will miss her lots. Miss Hamilton will be back to work with us in our 2s room towards the end of May.

Summer term Parent/carer consultations...

This term we will be again offering parent/carer consultations by telephone. Your child's key worker will be available for a 10 minute slot to talk to you about your child's progress and achievements - we will send you a text with a link to a simple survey and will confirm your appointment by text.

	Morning	Afternoon
Monday 26 th April	Mrs Metcalfe	Miss Stout
Tuesday 27 th April	Mrs Hughes	Mrs Staines
Wednesday 28 th April	Miss Newton	Miss Newton & Mrs Emberson
Thursday 29 th April	Mrs Staines	Mrs Steggles
Wednesday 5 th May		Mrs Thompson
Friday 7 th May		Miss Smurthwaite & Miss Todd

*Your child's day and key worker is highlighted; if this date is not convenient, please let us know via the survey monkey link which will be texted to you.

July 21 leavers...

Before we know it, our big girls and boys will be leaving us to start Reception Class in Primary School! Mrs Staines will video 2 workshops, School Readiness and Phonics, which will support parents/carers of children who will be leaving us in July to start Primary School. Class Dojo, our remote learning platform, will be used to share the videos and tips which will help the children to have a smooth transition.

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 newest section is about Healthy Eating (on the drop down menu under Parents) and 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://acletclose.durham.sch.uk)

WELCOME...

Over the last few weeks new friends have joined us. A very warm welcome to Bridget, Jax, Arthur, Bobby B, Isobel, Imogen, John-Jo, Cohen, Harper and Latalya-Rose - we hope you will be very happy here!



Many happy returns to Lewis, Adelyne, Olivia and Hughie who have April birthdays. We hope you have all had a lovely time.

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 birthday gifts for the children. Many thanks to those of you that have been using bank transfer to donate your weekly contribution to school fund. This half-term there are 7 weeks and you are welcome to pay in as many instalments as you like. 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.

Nursery Sort Code: 20-09-44 Account number: 20101478 Reference: use your child's name

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. Also, please be mindful of our neighbours when parking - the lay-bys cause least disruption.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Dates for your diary...

- **April:** Dates to be confirmed: staff available for telephone Parent/Carer Consultations to discuss children's development and progress
- **Friday 30th April:** School closed for 3rd training day of the academic year
- **Monday 3rd May:** School closed - Bank Holiday
- **Thursday 6th May:** School closed to children - building used for elections
- **Friday 28th May:** Schools breaks up for half term
- **Monday 7th June:** School reopens
- **Friday 16th July:** Graduation for July 21 school leavers - more details to follow
- **Friday 16th July:** School closes for Summer break



Whenever you buy anything online, you could be raising free donations for Aclet Close Nursery School. Since just before Christmas our supporters have raised over £80! All you need to do is:

1. Click https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/acletclose/nursery/?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 really grateful. Please share our link with your friends and family too!

GOVERNOR NEWS...

We would like to offer a very warm welcome to Miss Mahmoud, who has joined our Governing Body as a co-opted Governor. Miss Mahmoud will join our curriculum committee and has already attended a Full Governing Body (as an observer) which took place on 8th March

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