

SEPTEMBER 2021



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 small family groups coming to say goodbye. 33 big girls and boys have left us to start Reception Classes in local Primary Schools - 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 Skylar-Marie, Ivy, Jesse, Jayden, Archie, Louis, Arianna, Joshua-Jay, Henry, Kobe, Billy, Ryleigh Jane, Francis, Jack and Lucie. We hope you will be very happy here at Aclet Close Nursery School - exciting times ahead!



The following children celebrate their birthdays in September:

Valana, Billie-Jo, Hayley-May and Leo M

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 24<sup>th</sup> September - 'Bake off' for Macmillan. It was our little tradition to have 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 for snack 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.

In support of  
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Getting back to normality?

Over the next few weeks we will be asking for your thoughts regarding us taking the children 'out and about' again. This includes swimming lessons for our older children, a trip to see Santa and a Christmas party. Please complete the short survey monkey links as soon as you can, when we text them to you.

Lisa Jenkins Head Teacher

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### 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 Newton, Miss Thompson and Mrs Emberson
- **2's room:** Mrs Hughes, Mrs Steggle and Miss Garvey

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

*Our new system of 2 year olds entering through the main entrance and older children entering through the side gate is working really well.*

*Our doors are open from 8.30am - 9am and 12.30pm - 12.40pm for children arriving then 11.25am - 11.30am, 2.55pm - 3pm and 3.25pm - 3.30pm for children leaving. Please let us know in advance if you need to pick up your child early, we will do our best to have them ready for you.*



Every  
little  
helps!

Please ask for  
your token.

TESCO  
blue  
tokens...

Bishop  
Auckland  
TESCO  
are  
collecting  
blue  
tokens for  
us until  
the end of  
September



### Does your child turn 5 between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023?

If so, you will need to apply for their Primary School place. Applications have already opened and close on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022. We have shared information with families this applies to and you can access at: [www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

### Dates for your diary...

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

- Weds 1<sup>st</sup> Sept: School closed for Staff Training (1)
- Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Sept: Macmillan 'Coffee morning' - cash donations on the day very welcome
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct: School breaks up for half term
- Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Nov: School closed for Staff Training (2)
- Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov: School reopens
- Weds 8<sup>th</sup> Dec: Proposed visit to see Santa (to be confirmed)
- Weds 15<sup>th</sup> Dec: Proposed Nativity (to be confirmed)
- Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Dec: School breaks up for Christmas
- Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Dec: Proposed party day (to be confirmed)
- Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Jan: School closed for Staff Training (3)
- Weds 5<sup>th</sup> Jan: School reopens
- Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Feb: School breaks up for half term
- Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Feb: School reopens
- Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Apr: School breaks up for Easter
- Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Apr: School reopens
- Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> May: School closed - Bank Holiday
- Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> May: School closed for Staff Training (4)
- Fri 27<sup>th</sup> May: School breaks up for May Half Term
- Mon 6<sup>th</sup> June: School closed for Staff Training (5)
- Tues 7<sup>th</sup> June: School reopens
- Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> July: School breaks up for Summer

### 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:

- The new Early Years Foundation Stage reforms
- New assessment systems including working with Parents and Carers
- A continued focus on accelerating children's vocabulary
- A continued focus on well-being of children and staff

*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.

Lisa Jenkins Head Teacher