

OCTOBER 2021



Welcome to our October newsletter...

The weeks are flying by so quickly and the weather has definitely changed!

The children are having lots of lovely opportunities; look out for our Facebook posts and, of course, our Class Dojo messages 😊

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.



The following children celebrate their birthdays in October:

Nate, Caleb, Logan and Bobbie

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.

On behalf of staff and children, I would like to say a very big **'thank you'** for your voluntary donations to school fund. You have paid for the children's daily healthy snacks, birthday gifts, Christmas gifts and ingredients for our cooking/baking activities.

We ask children attending 30 hours to donate £2 per week and children attending 15 hours a week for £1 a week. If you not donated for a while, please contribute what you can.

You are very welcome to send your donations by bank transfer: Sort code: 20-09-44 Account Number: 20101478 and use your child's name as a reference.

Additional Bank Holiday...

As part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, there is an extra bank holiday on 3rd June 2022. This falls within Whit Week (30th May - 3rd June), Durham County Council have therefore decided that schools can take this as an additional day.

Nursery will be closed on **Friday 27th May** - please note that other schools may have chosen a different date.

Easy Fundraising!

Do you shop online? For the last year we have been using a fundraising website/app called Easy Fundraising and have so far raised over £140. 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 ☺

Does your child turn 5 between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023?

If so, you will need to apply for their Primary School place. Applications have already opened and close on 15th January 2022. We have shared information with 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:

Friday 22nd Oct: School breaks up for half term

Mon 1st Nov: School closed for Staff Training (2)

Tues 2nd Nov: School reopens

Weds 8th Dec: Proposed visit to see Santa (to be confirmed)

Weds 15th Dec: Proposed Nativity (to be confirmed)

Fri 17th Dec: School breaks up for Christmas

Fri 17th Dec: Proposed party day (to be confirmed)

Tues 4th Jan: School closed for Staff Training (3)

Weds 5th Jan: School reopens

Fri 18th Feb: School breaks up for half term

Mon 28th Feb: School reopens

Fri 8th Apr: School breaks up for Easter

Mon 25th Apr: School reopens

Mon 2nd May: School closed - Bank Holiday

Thurs 5th May: School closed for Staff Training (4)

Thurs 26th May: School breaks up for May Half Term

Fri 27th May: Additional Bank Holiday - school closed

Mon 6th June: School closed for Staff Training (5)

Tues 7th June: School reopens

Thurs 21st July: School breaks up for Summer

In support of



Friday 24th September - We would like to say a huge thank you for your kind donations. The total amount raised this year was £74.59! A big thank you to John Bailey at Tesco and our school staff for their generous cake donations.

GOVERNOR NEWS...

Governors would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye and thank you, to Mrs Hughes, who is retiring on Friday 22nd October.

Mrs Hughes has been a huge part of Aclet Close Nursery School since 2005, and she will be missed greatly.

Enjoy your retirement and family time!

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.