

NOVEMBER 2021



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 time with lots of opportunities and experiences for the children.

We would like to wish a very warm welcome to John Patrick, Francis-May and Oliver who are 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, Georgia, Valana and Miss Newton who all have November birthdays - we hope you all have a lovely time! 😊



Supporting charities...

*This month we will be supporting **The Royal British Legion** ...*

We have a merchandise and donations box in school. 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 very welcome to send in a donation.

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

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

Easy Fundraising!

Do you shop online? Since November last year, some of our staff and supporters of the school have been using a fundraising website/app called Easy Fundraising. Lots of retailers donate a small amount of commission to us (at no extra cost to you) and it soon adds up for us! So far we have raised almost £160.

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, John Lewis, Marks & Spencers 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...

You may have noticed that sometimes we have green crates of food in our car park. We receive food items, usually from Marks & Spencers and Tesco, through Jo (and delivered by Neale) at Little Chef Big Chef. The items are fine to eat on the day and the bakery items will freeze to use later.

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 ingredients for our cooking/baking activities too.

Opportunities for children:

Should all go to plan, we have arranged the following activities; please ensure that all paperwork is returned to school and payments made by the deadlines.

Christmas cakes! Please see attached letter for more information.

- **Wednesday 1st December:** Theatre performance of 'The Nutcracker Remiced' at Bishop Auckland Town Hall (older children only)
- **Wednesday 8th December:** Hall Hill Farm to see Santa
- **Wednesday 15th December:** Nativity at Woodhouse Close Church
- **Friday 17th December:** Christmas Party at Bamboozles
- **January:** Swimming lessons will restart for our older children - start date and session times to be confirmed.

We always have spare paper copies of letters sent out to families; please ask for another, if needed.

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.

School uniform is optional - jumpers/cardigans are available from Cre8tive (12 Peel Street, Bishop Auckland. Tel: 01388 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.

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.

Dates for your diary

- **Weds 1st Dec:** Theatre performance of 'The Nutcracker Remiced' at Bishop Auckland Town Hall (older children only)
- **Weds 8th Dec:** Trip to see Santa at Hall Hill Farm
- **Weds 15th Dec:** Morning: Nativity at Woodhouse Close Church
- **Fri 17th Dec:** Morning: Christmas Party at Bamboozles
- **Fri 17th Dec:** School closes for Christmas break
- **Tues 4th Jan:** School closed for staff training (3rd of 5)
- **Weds 5th Jan:** School reopens to children
- **January (date to be confirmed):** Swimming lessons for older children restart

GOVERNOR NEWS...

Curriculum and Finance Committees have already met this term and the School Development and Governors' Action Plans have been drafted. These will focus on ensuring that the school meets all the requirements of the new Early Years Reforms. Please ask any questions or if you are interested, we do have a Parent/Carer Governor vacancy.

If you haven't accessed it for a while, please take a look at our school website as there have been lots of updates recently:

[Aclet Close Nursery School - Aclet Close, Bishop Auckland DL14 6PX](http://www.acletclose.durham.sch.uk)

Oral health is an integral part of overall health. When children are not healthy, this affects their ability to learn, thrive and develop. Useful information is available here:

[Oral Health \(acletclose.durham.sch.uk\)](http://www.acletclose.durham.sch.uk)

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