

DECEMBER 2021



Welcome to our December newsletter...

The last half term has been a very busy one with lots of opportunities and new experiences for the children. Our Nursery is looking very Christmassy and we have lots more lovely things to look forward to.

*On behalf of the Aclet Close Nursery team,
I would like to wish you all a
very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.*

No new children are joining us this month but in January we will be welcoming more new children and families - we hope they will all be very happy here at Aclet Close Nursery School - exciting times ahead!



We would like to wish a Happy Birthday to Evie, Hope, Liam-Junior, Aspen and Willow who will be celebrating their birthdays in December.

Due to Covid we can't do everything we'd like to, but we are hanging on to as many of our Nursery traditions as we can!

- **Christmas cards...** as usual, in the interest of the environment, time and cost, your child is welcome to bring one Christmas card for everyone in the Nursery. There is a box at the Nursery entrance - we will empty it and display the cards in Nursery.
- **Christmas gifts for staff...** over the years it has almost become a tradition for children to give their Teachers a Christmas gift. Whilst very much appreciated, our staff do not expect this and we would rather you spent those few pounds on your families!
- **Christmas cakes...** are 'in progress' for those that have ordered them.
- **Theatre visit...** Some of our older children had the opportunity to watch 'Nutcracker Remixed' at Bishop Auckland Town Hall and they absolutely loved it. It is a while since we have been able to take the children out and about and they really did us proud.
- **Christmas Party...** This year our Christmas party will take place at Bamboozles Soft Play on the morning of our last day, **Friday 17th December**. Food (pizza, sausage, nuggets, onion ring and chips) is included in the package. The deadline for paperwork and £4 must be handed in school by **Friday 10th December**. This activity is being subsidised by school fund and Nursery will be closed for the morning.
- **Trip to Hall Hill Farm...** **Wednesday 8th December**, the bus will leave at 9.30am prompt and we will back in Bishop Auckland between 2pm and 2.30pm.
- **Christmas jumpers...** Your child is very welcome to wear a Christmas jumper/t-shirt at any time and especially during our last week of Nursery (Monday 13th - Friday 17th December) We do not ask for a donation to charity.
- **Christmas Nativity...** Unfortunately, we have cancelled our Nativity at Woodhouse Close Church this year. Please access Class Dojo, our online learning platform daily during our last week. Please see separate letter attached.
- **Christmas traditions...** our Facebook page has a thread where staff have shared their Christmas traditions - please add yours!

Bank details: Sort Code: 20-09-44 Account Number Please use your child's name as a reference

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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 healthy daily snacks, playdough ingredients, Christmas gifts, and wrapping paper as well as Christmassy bits and bobs and lots of new fairy lights.

School fund also subsidised the theatre trip for our older children and Hall Hill Farm as well as the Christmas Party at Bamboozles. You are welcome to donate to school fund at any time through bank transfer - this is working well for quite a few of our families - or we can take cash.

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. We would also appreciate it if you could use the laybys and be mindful about our neighbours when parking - please avoid their driveways and the grass verges.

Thank you for your continuing support.

School uniform... is optional and available from Cre8tive (12 Peel Street, Bishop Auckland Tel: 01388 664097). You can call in the shop at your own convenience throughout the year. Business cards are available from the office. Our school colours are red or navy blue.

Class Dojo... this is our online platform and our preferred way of keeping in touch and sharing photographs and positive news about your child. We now have 87% of our families signed up - thank you for the feedback and kind words, we very much appreciate this.

Dates for your diary

- **Weds 1st Dec:** Theatre performance of 'The Nutcracker Remixed' 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 **CANCELLED**; please access Class Dojo daily during the week commencing Monday 13th December.
- **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
- **Friday 18th Feb:** school breaks up for half term
- **Monday 28th Feb:** School reopens to children

GOVERNOR NEWS...

Almost all of our School policies have been updated over the Autumn term - these are available on our school website under our newly created 'Statutory Information' - 'Nursery Policies' section.

<http://www.acletclose.durham.sch.uk/statutory-information/>

Miss Ellis has worked with Mrs Staines to monitor how we support our children with additional needs and with Mrs Jenkins to monitor our safeguarding procedures. In addition, Governors have commissioned an external Safeguarding audit; we received very positive feedback, more information to follow.

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. Training and support is provided. Please ring the office for a chat with Mrs Jenkins if you are interested.

**Governors wish all children and their families
a Merry Christmas and
a healthy and happy 2022.**