

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2023



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 held mini-graduations for our school leavers, with family groups coming to say goodbye. 31 big girls and boys have left us to start Reception Classes in Primary Schools - we wish them all the very best and look forward to hearing how they get on.

New friends have already joined us... a very warm welcome to Aryanna, Callie-Leigh, Dolci-Diana, Aria, Ada R, Esme, Annie, and Jaxon. We hope you will be very happy here at Aclet Close Nursery School - exciting times ahead!



The following children celebrate their birthdays in September:
Billy, Bella, Ada R, Alfie, Myles, Alfred, Hailey, Rowan and Miss Harrison!
In October Florence, Ezra, Leon, Tommy S, Tommy B and Miss James will be celebrating their birthdays!
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.

Week commencing 25th September...

'Bake off!' We will hold a week long bake off to raise money for Macmillan Cancer. Look out for an **order form** - the children will bake a variety of goods and as we are now a cashless school, we will add your 'bill' to Parentpay.



Wish list...

Can you help us with our mission to reduce landfill, reuse and recycle? If you have any **dolls' prams** or **pushchairs** that your child no longer needs, we would love to take them off your hands. Thank you.

Lisa Jenkins and Suzanne Staines
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The Team at Aclet Close Nursery School...

- **Office:** Mrs Jenkins (Co-Head Teacher) and Mrs Beal (Admin Officer) **Caretaker:** Mrs Barraclough
- **Main Nursery:** (3 and 4 year olds) Mrs Staines (Co-Head Teacher), Mrs Metcalfe, Miss Newton, Mrs Emberson, Miss Harrison and Miss Barker
- **2's room:** Mrs Steggle, Miss Garvey and Miss James

☺ Please don't hesitate to give us a ring if you have any questions or concerns

**Does your child turn 5 between 1st September 2024
and 31st August 2025?**

If so, you will need to apply for their Primary School place. Applications have already opened and close on 15th January 2024. 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:

- Mon 4th Sept:** School closed for Staff Training (1)
- Weds 20th Sept - Weds 25th Oct:** First block of swimming lessons for older children (6 lessons)
- Week commencing 25th Sept:** 'Macmillan bake off' - order form to follow and donations via Parentpay
- Tues 24th Oct (pm):** Spooky Stay and Play (info to follow)
- Fri 27th Oct (am):** Spooky Stay and Play (info to follow)
- Friday 27th Oct:** School breaks up for half term
- Mon 6th Nov:** School reopens after half term
- Weds 6th Dec (pm):** Theatre Trip for older children (info to follow)
- Mon 4th Dec:** Trip to Hall Hill Farm to see Santa (info to follow)
- Weds 13th Dec:** Proposed Nativity in Nursery (to be confirmed)
- Fri 15th Dec am:** Party morning at Bamboozles soft play (info to follow)
- Fri 15th Dec:** Children break up for Christmas
- Mon 18th Dec:** School closed for Staff Training (2)
- Tues 19th Dec:** School closed for Staff Training (3)
- Weds 3rd Jan:** School reopens
- Fri 16th Feb:** School breaks up for half term
- Mon 26th Feb:** School reopens
- Weds 27th Mar:** School breaks up for Easter
- Thurs 28th Mar:** School closed for Staff Training (4)
- Mon 15th Apr:** School reopens
- Thurs 2nd May:** School closed for Staff Training (5)
- Mon 6th May:** School closed - Bank Holiday
- Fri 24th May:** School breaks up for May Half Term
- Mon 3rd June:** School reopens
- Weds 17th July:** Mini-Graduation for School Leavers (to be confirmed)
- Tues 23rd July:** School breaks up for Summer

Easy Fundraising...

Do you shop online? Since November 2020, 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 £640.

It is really easy to register with them and search for us (Aclet Close Nursery School) <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/aclet-close-nursery/>

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 ☺

GOVERNOR NEWS...

Governors are currently working on the School Development Plan for the academic year ahead.

Improvements to Nursery grounds...

Over the Summer break, further work has been completed in our Secret Garden. **Race Joinery** came very highly recommended and we were delighted to ask this small local business to complete the work for us.

We were also delighted to learn we were successful with a grant that Mrs Beal and Mrs Staines applied for before we broke up for the Summer. There are some terms and conditions that we will need to overcome - fingers crossed as this would enable us to develop our Secret Garden further.

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