

SUMMER
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Newsletter

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Themes



The Summer Term at Acorn is always a busy one as we prepare 30 of our children for their new schools, as well as celebrate and share with you all that both our younger and older children have achieved during the year. There are several occasions for

you to observe classes and participate in activities during the second half of the term. For our Foundation Stage children we have introduced a phonic scheme developed by Ruth Miskin called Read, Write, Inc, in line with some other nursery classes and schools. The children are taught to say, read and write individual letter sounds supported by pictures and cards. A few sounds are introduced each week. Please see the notice board for the sound of the day and talk to Mrs King if you would like any more information.

The term started by encouraging the children to tune into the sounds they hear in the environment. They have experienced some unusual musical instruments and used words to describe the noises they make. They have identified familiar sounds and created their own using instruments and everyday items.

Our overall theme for the term is 'Out and About in Jersey'. We have begun by children naming their home parish, which we will plot on a large map of Jersey. Lots of mathematical language will evolve as the children compare how many live in each parish, noticing similarities and differences. Later we will ask for your support in supplying your child with a photo of their favourite place on the island, and talking about it as it is displayed on our map.

With increasingly warmer weather (hopefully) even more of our play moves outside where the children are able to experience their environment in Forest School activities and in planting, growing and tending our garden plot. Our new potato harvest will be enjoyed at snack time very soon! Please do send us any spare seedlings to grow in our garden.

As the term progresses we will follow the children's natural curiosity in the living world focussing on mini beasts, through firsthand experience, stories and nonfiction books and posters. Our drama this term is Jack and the Beanstalk!



Teddy Bears Picnic Wednesday 25th June

Mrs Maclean (Bertie's mother) and Mrs Stratford (Theo's mother) are coordinating the event and will be asking for your help with different activities such as face painting, lucky dip and cake decorating. There will be no formal nursery sessions that afternoon. Do let us know if you need your child to be accompanied to the picnic.

Our Garden

Once again we have worked hard to develop our garden to offer even more opportunities for the children to learn and experience through nature. Our outside 'Acorn Kitchen' is very popular and the introduction of raised flower beds with sensory plants, and a digging patch at the bottom of the garden have extended the children's senses in all areas! We have used the open space at bottom right of the garden for games with hoops and balls and our re established bike track (which was washed away with the heavy rain) provides physical challenges for our older children.



Training - Development Matters

All Early Years practitioners (Nursery and Reception) in the island, are receiving training on using 'Development Matters in the Early Foundation Stage.' This guidance helps us to understand and support each individual child's development pathway.

Parking

Can we remind parents to park close to the wall behind the white lines, drive slowly in the area around the school and leave the driveway clear. Children should be held by the hand at all times after once out of the school courtyard.

Warmer Weather

Now that the warmer weather is here please apply sunscreen and send children with a longsleeved T shirt or cardigan. Hats are provided. No flip flops please as they are not suitable for bike riding, climbing and running!



Welcome & Congratulations

Welcome to Mrs Vicky Quinn and Miss Becca Camera who join us this term as an 'extra pair of hands' in anticipation of starting their Diploma for Early Years Workforce Level 3. Mrs Kathy Golding and Mrs Rachel Sayers are nearing the end of their year studying for their Level 3. Mrs Scarborough is a qualified assessor and is able to support this training, so do contact her if you are interested in gaining this very valuable qualification.



Swimming & Mothers Helpers

We will swim whenever weather permits after Half Term. All Morning School children and Afternoon Purple Group are involved. Shoe bags should be taken home at Half Term and brought back with just a swimsuit and a small towel inside. Arm bands are provided. Please remember that it is so helpful (for us and your child!) if he/she wears clothes and shoes that are easy to put on and off. They take great pride in being able to do these things independently when possible. We do however need a mother to help every session. This is a wonderful way to get involved in the school life of your child so do please see the notice board to volunteer if you are able! Also we are very grateful to the mothers this term who have helped us with snack time and cooking in the Morning School.

Thank you to Mrs Quinn, Mrs Thompson and Mrs Bechemin. If you are interested in helping in September do see Mrs King. Thank you also to all our parents/ grannies/ nannies and friends who came to read stories.



Steve Wellum Photography

Steve Wellum will be coming to take individual photographs of the children in the garden on Tuesday 3rd June. Siblings are most welcome and those of Morning School children should come at 11.45 and those of Afternoon School children at 12.30. Please be prepared to wait and do come even if it is not 'your afternoon!'.

Open Music, Dance & Yoga Bugs Sessions

Near the end of term you will be invited to an Open Sessions of the different 'extra' activities the children have been involved in. Details will be put on the school board.

Opening Evening

Our Open Evening is on Tuesday July 8th 4.30 pm - 7.00 pm. This is your opportunity to talk to your child's teacher, without your child, and to see displays of art and craft. Friends and family are welcome. There will be no Afternoon School that day to give the teachers time to prepare.

Re Registration

Thank you once again for the wonderful feedback we received via the parent's survey, which was part of our Re Registration.

All the staff do really appreciate your views and are very grateful that you are so supportive and enthusiastic about all that we do and that we provide for your children.



Dates for your diary

Half Term Mon 26th May - Friday 30th May

Photograph Day Tuesday 3rd June

Teddy Bears Picnic - Wednesday 25th June
(no formal nursery sessions in the afternoon)

Open Evening Tuesday 8th July
School will close at 12.15 pm to prepare.

Autumn Term 2014

Thursday 4th September - Fri 13th December

Half Term -

Mon 27th October - Fri 31st October

FULL YEAR DATES ARE ON THE WEBSITE
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