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Newsletter

AUTUMN TERM 2014

Morning School

Our Morning School children have all settled well this term and are now familiar with the routines and the structure of the day. Those who stay for lunch are enjoying our extra activities on offer, dance, music and singing, as well as preparing themselves for the full school week in September 2015.



Development Matters

In line with most settings in Jersey and the U.K. we are using the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) document 'Development Matters', as a guide to child development and learning. We have displayed some of the relevant aspects of the document in our main room for your interest. More information can be found on the website: **Development Matters in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)**.

We are interested in how children are learning. Are they willing to 'have a go', to persevere and stay focused, to think of ideas and problem solve? To be good learners the children will be encouraged to embrace all these characteristics. Our aim at Acorn is to inspire and enable our children to fulfill all these skills and thus have every advantage in the world of education.

Afternoon School

Welcome to all the new children who have joined us this term in our Afternoon School. It is always also such a joy to have the younger siblings of past pupils and renew our relationships with their parents. As we had a particularly large intake this September we are running

two parallel groups under the care and support of Mrs Stevens, Mrs Horsfall and Ms Bechemin. Our afternoon children also have the advantage of the music and dance sessions with Mrs Risby and Mrs Seymour.

Shoes

If you are buying a new pair of shoes for your child could we encourage you chose a pair that they are able to manage themselves? N.B No lace up boots! This does make so much difference for all the activities that we do at Acorn. Also could your children have coats with hoods as we approach our wet winter season.



Focus



Thank you to all the Morning School parents who responded so quickly to our request for photos of their children. The children's comments were 'scribed' by their teachers and now form a display which has stimulated lots of talk amongst the children as they begin to widen their friendship groups.

Thank you also for supporting our Behaviour Policy and our belief in the importance of good manners. What a delight it is to hear so many of our children saying 'Good Morning' as they arrive and showing good table manners at lunch and snack time. As our summer garden fades into autumn our focus will be on noticing the changing environment. The children are experiencing firsthand the changing colours, the falling leaves, the different seeds and berries and the feel of autumn. Do notice our display walls where art work will reflect this. To celebrate harvest we will be making vegetable soup and brown bread to enjoy at snack time.

Do take a moment to look at our Notice Board by the large screen. Our weekly focus and learning intentions are noted there together with the snack menu and the teacher led activity of the morning.

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Morning School Christmas Show Winter Wonderland

Children in our Morning School will be singing songs to retell the Christmas message around the theme of Winter Wonderland, on Monday 8th December and Wednesday 10th December at 11.00. Lists will be put up nearer the time for your allocated day.

CD's and words of the songs we will be singing will be distributed after Half Term so that you can sing along on your way to school!

Afternoon School Children

We will be distributing CD's of their music and songs after Half Term also, and there will be Open Music sessions which we will invite you to near the end of term.

Do take a moment to log on to our web site www.acornnurseryschool.com. We have a notice board which will be updated regularly with events and 'news flashes'!

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Learning Journeys

Our Foundation Stage children have a Learning Journey which is available for you to see at anytime, although we will be sending them home for you to share, later in the term. Through written observations and photographs we aim to follow your child's journey of learning across all areas of the curriculum, throughout the year. We would like to include any 'special moments' from home, so do please share them with us. Please help yourself to a 'special moment' slip from the main board.



Welcome to Mrs Quinn (a past parent) & Miss Camara

Who are with us for the year, studying part time at Highlands and gaining the necessary experience to attain the Level 3 Diploma in Early Years Workforce.

Mrs Vicky Scarborough is a qualified Assessor and thus they are able to complete their qualification within our setting.

If any of our Morning School parents or nannies would like to 'help' on a regular or irregular basis please do see Mrs King. It is a wonderful way of discovering what life is really like in the school as well as being part of your child's learning environment.

CHARITY BEAUTY SALE

Coffee Morning
Saturday 6th December
9:30am - 2:00pm

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Dates for your diary

Autumn Term 2014

Half Term

Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October

End of Term - Friday 12th December (12.15)

Spring Term 2015

Tuesday 6th January - Friday 27th March

Half Term

Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February

Summer Term 2015

Wednesday 15th April - Friday 10th July

Half Term

Monday 15th May - Friday 29th May

Public Holidays Monday 4th May



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