

SUMMER  
ISSUE

# Newsletter

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## Themes



This term our morning school children have been exploring 'sound'. Together with their regular music lessons they have looked at unusual instruments, listened

to music from a variety of cultures, explored the differences and similarities of sounds of everyday items and made their own shakers which they all 'played' together at choosing time. We have created a small performing area in our garden and with the help of technology (Bluetooth) children can dance, sing or play an instrument. If there is a any parent with a musical talent they would be willing to share with us we would love to hear from you. Just 5 minutes to hear 'the real thing' is a wonderful experience.

As we move through the term we will focus on colour and patterns. We will soon be harvesting our crop of Jersey Royals and enjoying them at snack time. Mrs Wright and the children continue to cultivate our garden plot and would welcome any seedlings to plant up and tend, so do please send them in if you have any to spare.

'The Sea' and all things associated with it, will be our theme for the final part of the term. We will aim to explore it across all areas of the curriculum.

## Read, Write Inc

We are now in our second term of introducing the Morning School children to a letter sound each week. They have been learning to produce the correct phonic sound, to hear it at the beginning of a word and in a three letter word blend and to write it. Each week the relevant letter is noted on our board to keep you involved. We encourage the children to write their name and be familiar with the sounds in it at every opportunity in preparation for school.

## Transition

Arrangements are now being made by some of the receiving schools for the reception staff to visit the children here in our setting. It is a very relaxed way to familiarise the children with new faces in what can be for some, a worrying time. There will be opportunities for you to visit your new school with your child so that the building and staff are well known to them. We will all work together to ensure the transition from Acorn to School is a smooth one.

## Teddy Bears Picnic

Wednesday 24th June  
12:00-2:30pm

Mrs Pearce (Barney's mother) is coordinating the event with other mothers from the Yellow Group 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.



## Congratulations

Mrs Vicky Quinn and Miss Becca Camera are nearing the end of their year studying for their Level 3 Diploma in Early Years Workforce. 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.

## Warmer Weather

As we hope for and anticipate warmer weather please apply sunscreen and send your child with a longsleeved T-shirt or cardigan. Hats are provided, but if you would prefer to provide your own please name it and leave it at school. No flip flops please as they are not suitable for bike riding, climbing and running!



## 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!

Thank you to Mrs Quinn, and Mrs Bechemin who have helped us with snacktime and cooking. 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.

## 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.



## Steve Wellum Photography

Steve Wellum will be coming to take individual photographs of the children in the garden on Tuesday 19th May. 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!'

## Opening Evening

Our Open Evening is on Thursday July 2nd 4.30pm - 7.00pm.

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** - Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May

**End of Term** - Friday 10th July

**Photograph Day** - Tuesday 19th May

**Teddy Bears Picnic** - Wednesday 24th June,  
(no formal nursery sessions in the afternoon)

**Open Evening** - Thursday 2nd July  
School will close at 12.15 pm to prepare.

### Autumn Term 2014

Monday 7th September - Wednesday 16th December

### Half Term -

Mon 26th October - Friday 30th October

FULL YEAR DATES ARE ON THE WEBSITE  
[WWW.ACORNURSERYSCHOOL.COM](http://WWW.ACORNURSERYSCHOOL.COM)



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