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Newsletter

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AUTUMN TERM 2015

Morning School

Our Morning School children have settled back well adapting to a new structure to their sessions, from Afternoon School. Their activities now include Yoga, Forest School and cooking, and for those who stay for lunch and have a full day, the opportunity to make new relationships as we mix the groups up.



Our younger Morning School children, under the care of Ms Bechemin in the Red Group have also settled well. With her support and guidance they will be developing the social and communication skills that underpin all that we do and expect at The Acorn.

Tapestry

We are now 'online' using a programme called Tapestry to record our Foundation Stage children's Learning Journeys. Through our observations and photographs we aim to follow achievements across all the areas of the curriculum, during their final year with us. The Early Years Foundation Stage Development Matters document provides a comprehensive guide to Child Development and Learning and forms a framework for us to work with, in line with other settings in Jersey and the UK.

Abbreviations used are :

- **CL** - Communication and language
- **PSED** - Personal, social and emotional Development
- **PD** - Physical development
- **MD** - Mathematical development
- **L** - Literacy
- **UW** - Understanding the world
- **EAD** - Expressive arts and design

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 waterproof coats with hoods as we approach our wet winter season?

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 well as children of past pupils!

They have settled well with Mrs Stevens and Mrs Horsfall , making new friends, becoming independent and enjoying musical and dance activities with Mrs Risby and Mrs Seymour, depending on which afternoons they attend.

Focus



Thank you to all the Morning School parents who responded so quickly to our request for photos of their children for our display. It has been the focus of much interest, stimulating conversation between the children and their peers.

As the term progresses our focus shifts from 'all about me' to 'hands and feet.' We have been making models out of 'junk' and have created a shoe shop for role play. The seasons are always a focus at The Acorn, and as we move into Autumn the children's attention will be drawn to noticing the changes in our garden.

Before we break for Half Term we will celebrate our own harvest by making vegetable soup which we will eat together 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 – Something's Going to Happen in the Stable

Children in our Morning School will be singing songs to retell the Christmas message around the theme of The Stable, on Tuesday 8th December and Thursday 10th December at 11.00. Lists will be put up nearer the time for your allocated day. Can we ask only 2 guests per child and no small children?

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! A wonderful parent has again agreed to film the dress rehearsal and so DVD's will be available in return for a donation to our chosen children's charities.



Afternoon School Children

We will be distributing CD's of their Christmas music and songs after Half Term also, and there will be an Open Music session 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



Parking

Please park only on the school side of the road, behind the white lines and not directly near school entrance as this obstructs vision for oncoming traffic, and is against roadway regulations.

If you have several children to collect or bring we have allocated parking space at the waterboard opposite. **Please drive right around and park in front of the first staff car.**



Welcome to Mrs Amanda Cassar and Mrs Zoe Gillyett.

Amanda has returned to us after many years teaching in London and is working with children who stay all day. Zoe is 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 she is 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 7th November
9:30am - 1:30pm

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Dates for your diary

Autumn Term 2015

Half Term

Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October

End of Term - Wednesday 16th December (12.15)

Spring Term 2016

Tuesday 5th January - Thursday 24th March

Half Term

Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February

Summer Term 2016

Tuesday 12th April - Friday 8th July

Half Term

Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June



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