

SUMMER
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Newsletter

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Themes

The Summer Term is always a busy one - hence an early newsletter to keep you informed about our forthcoming activities. (Our web site will also detail important 'happenings').

Our Morning School have been learning about 'People Who Help Us'. The role play area has been transformed first into a doctors surgery and then into a veterinary practice. We are looking forward to a community policewoman visiting us followed by a paramedic with her ambulance. We are hoping that Mr Hamilton from the New Era Veterinary Hospital will be able to call in and tell us about being a vet.

We have also been focusing on sound and rhythm. Together with their usual music sessions the children have been exploring the different sounds of musical instruments - some very unusual ones and some they have made themselves.

As we move through the term we will be using a map of Jersey to plot parishes that we live in and places we like to visit.

The children have already planted Jersey Royals which we will be harvesting and enjoying for our snack. Mrs Wright and the children continue to cultivate our garden plot and welcome any seedlings to plant and tend.

Growing and Minibeasts are our themes for the rest of the term and you will notice that the songs on your Morning School CD link in with these. Jack and the Beanstalk will be our Drama for the second half of term. Holly Evans has kindly brought in her caterpillars which we hope to nurture through the butterfly stage and release in our garden.

We have been learning to 'sing and sign' and have a large signing doll to help us. Alice Benyon from JCCT is visiting and giving the children a demonstration of relevant signing words.

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 22nd June
12:00-2:30pm

Mrs Stratford (William's mother) is coordinating the event with other mothers 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. Please bring a rug and a picnic, collect your child at the end of the morning and join us in the garden. Do let us know if you need your child to be accompanied to the picnic. Afternoon children please arrive at 12.15 and join in the fun.



Congratulations & Welcome!

Mrs Zoe Gillyett is nearing the end of her 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.

Welcome to Mrs Sarah Prosser, an old Acornian herself - who is working with us in voluntary capacity this term before starting on the course in September.

Tapestry

We welcome any feedback from our Foundation Stage parents on your experience with using our Online Learning Journey - Tapestry. As a staff group we feel that it is a very useful tool for keeping you involved in your child's achievements throughout the year in a way that is more accessible and immediate than the format used previously. Towards the end of term we will inform you of the process of converting the whole 'Learning Journey' on Tapestry into a PDF which you can then print or file. We feel that it is a wonderful record of the children's pre school year.



Swimming & Mothers Helpers

We will swim whenever weather permits after Half Term. All Morning School children 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 Feltham, 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 24th 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!'

Warmer Weather

As we hope for and anticipate warmer weather please apply sunscreen and send your child with a long sleeved T shirt or cardigan. Please bring a named sun hat to be kept in each child's group box. No flip flops please as they are not suitable for bike riding, climbing and running!

Opening Evening

Our Open Evening is on Friday 24th June 4.30pm - 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.

Opening Morning

We are holding an Open Morning on Saturday 25th June to enable future, prospective and interested families the opportunity to see our lovely school and to learn a little of life at The Acorn. Do pass the message onto any friends who may like to visit.

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 30th May - Friday 3rd June

Photograph Day- Tuesday 24th May

Teddy Bears Picnic - Wednesday 22nd June, (no formal nursery sessions in the afternoon)

Open Evening - Friday 24th June
4.30pm - 7.00pm for present parents.

Open Evening - Saturday 25th June
10:00 - 12:00pm, for future & interested parents.

Autumn Term 2016

Tuesday 6th September - Thursday 15th December 2016, 12:15pm

Half Term -

Mon 24th October - Friday 28th October

FULL YEAR DATES ARE ON THE WEBSITE
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