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Newsletter

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AUTUMN TERM 2016

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, Drama 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 hope you are finding Tapestry informative and are enjoying sharing the posts with your children. Through our observations and photographs we aim to follow the children's 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 or buckles! 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.

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Afternoon School

Welcome to all the new children and parents 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.

Loose Parts - Our new shed in the garden filled with a variety of resources has been a huge success.



You may have heard the term 'loose parts' in relation to children's play. In a pre school loose parts are materials that can be moved, carried, combined, re designed, lined up, taken apart and put back together again in a variety of ways.

Following on from some staff training we decided to develop

further the type of play in our garden environment so that our children at Acorn could benefit. Materials such as stones, wood, shells, logs, pipes, tubes, boxes, fabric and string provide some of the resources which can be used in anyway the children choose, together with friends or alone. It encourages open ended learning where there are no right or wrong answers. It can be used in combination with other materials to support imaginative play e.g. a length of pipe lagging becomes a fireman's hose, logs lined up create stepping stones across a dangerous river. Pine cones, leaves and shells are combined to make pictures inside old picture frames. Engaging in this type of environment involves all the areas of learning but particularly encourages playing and exploring, being actively involved and thinking of ideas.

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 Tuesday 6th December and

Thursday 8th 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. Also there will be an Open Dance session. 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'!



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 spaces at the waterboard opposite. **Please drive right around and park in front of the first staff car.**



Welcome to Mrs Sarah Prosser & Miss Hannah Scriven (both 'old Acornians')

Sarah 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. Hannah is in the first year studying for her degree in Childhood Studies. It is a delight to have them return to us.

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.

Dates for your diary

Autumn Term 2016

Tuesday 6th September - Thursday 15th December, 12.15

Half Term

Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October

Spring Term 2017

Monday 9th January - Friday 31st March

Half Term

Monday 20th February - Friday 24th February

Summer Term 2017

Thursday 20th April - Friday 14th July

Half Term

Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June



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