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# Newsletter

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## Morning School Themes

The new term has started with the delights of our cherry trees in full blossom. This has prompted lots of talk about signs of spring in our garden environment.

The children have discovered the bulbs they planted in the autumn are now putting on a colourful display for us and our potatoes are taller than the ones in the surrounding fields!

We plan to cover the themes of 'People who help us', 'Sounds and rhythms' and 'Colours and patterns', before moving on to the 'The sea and beach' in the second half of term. We are hoping to have visits from a paramedic, policeman and fireman

with their vehicles. If any parent would like to come and talk to the children about the job that they do we would love to hear from you.

Alongside these activities, Mrs Wright and the children, will continue to cultivate our garden plot. We will welcome any seedlings to plant and tend once we have harvested our Jersey Royals.

Mrs Quinn has been helping us to 'sing and sign' this term. Also Alice Bennion from JCCT is visiting and giving the children a demonstration of relevant signing words.

## Read, Write, Inc

We are 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.



## Afternoon School

Our new and younger children coming part time in the afternoons have settled well and are preparing for their change to the more formal Morning School in September.

Parents will be able to see Dance and Music Open sessions near the end of term.

## Nursery Education Fund forms

In a short while Mrs Scarborough will be asking the parents of children who will be in Foundation Stage in September, to sign the relevant forms to claim the 20 funded hours.





## 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!



## Steve Wellum Photography

Steve Wellum will be coming to take individual photographs of the children in the garden on Tuesday 23rd 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!'

## Teddy Bears Picnic (Wed 21st June 12.00 - 2.30)

Mrs Harvey (Isabella'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.

## 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.

June 30th is the transition day island wide for all schools.

## Open Music, Dance and 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.

These will be during the week commencing 4th July.

## Congratulations

Mrs Sarah Prosser is nearing the end of her year studying for her Level 3 Diploma in Early Years Workforce and Miss Hannah Scriven her degree in Early Years.

Do contact Mrs Scarborough or Mrs King if you are interested in applying for either of these courses.



## Mother Helpers

Thank you to Mrs Feltham, Mrs Bechemin and Mrs Gill who have helped us with snack time 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.

## Our Pre Reading Lending Library

Each morning our pre reading books are available for you to borrow, signing in and out. This is an opportunity for you to share some stories with simple texts as an introduction to reading.

There is a variety available, some with a phonic base which will link in with the sounds the children are learning. Please do read the introduction notes in each book as a guide.



## Open Evening

Our Open Evening is on Thursday 29th June 4.00 pm - 7.00 pm. There is no afternoon school giving us the opportunity to prepare but lunch children may stay until 1.00.

This is your opportunity to talk to your child's teacher, without your child, and to see displays of children's learning. Friends and family are welcome.

## Dates for your diary

Photograph Day - Tuesday 23rd May

Half Term - Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June

Teddy Bears Picnic - Wednesday 21st June (no formal nursery sessions in the afternoon)

Open Evening - Thursday 29th June 4.00 - 7.00pm

Open Music/Yoga/ Dance week - Monday 4th July

Autumn Term 2017

Wednesday 6th September - Friday 15th December

Half Term: Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October

All future dates are available on our website  
[www.acornnurseryschool.com](http://www.acornnurseryschool.com)



## 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 and welcome your involvement.

Please do share what is posted on Tapestry with your child as this reinforces the value that we place on their learning.

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.



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