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AUTUMN TERM 2017

Welcome

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the families who have recently joined us and look forward to being part of your life until your child starts school.

The Autumn Term is now well underway and the children are becoming familiar with our routines and new activities.



In the Morning School we have been focusing on 'ourselves' as a theme appreciating our differences and similarities.

Before Half Term the children will be helping to prepare vegetables for our Harvest soup which we will share together for our snack along with some homemade bread. They will be digging over our garden plot and harvesting some home grown vegetables.

'Our Shop' will sell real vegetables so that the children can feel and smell them and learn where they come from.

The children will be aware of the changing season as the trees in our garden take on their autumnal hues. They can then use these colours to produce their own creative work.

As last year, you will be able to purchase Christmas cards and wrapping paper designed by your child. This in turn will provide funds for the school we support in Africa.

Our Afternoon School children have settled well and are making new friends, becoming independent and enjoying music and dance activities as well as playing in our large garden. Lots of happy faces!

Shoes

If you are buying a new pair of shoes for your child could we encourage you to choose 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 child have a waterproof coat with hood as we approach our wet winter season.

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Afternoon School children

You will already have received a CD of their Christmas music and songs. Open Christmas Music is on Thursday 14th December at 2.30pm.

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'!

Early Reading and Writing Experiences



We are often asked about our approach to early reading and writing experiences. This term the older children have been given the opportunity to recognise print in the environment, develop their fine motor skills and expand their mark making. They can find and scribe their own name and begin to understand that their name is made up of individual

letters. Next term we will follow the Read Write Inc programme of introducing children to letter sounds. In the final term we have a lending library of pre readers giving you the chance to share with your child this exciting start to literature.

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Tapestry - for Foundation Stage Children

Tapestry information and enjoying sharing the posts with your child. There is much talk in the education world about 'how' children are learning.



It is called 'The Characteristics of Learning' and is defined into three areas: 'Playing and Exploring', 'Active Learning' and 'Creating and Critical Thinking'.

When children are embracing all these in their play (not necessarily at the same time!) their learning is at a deeper level. We aim to support our children with these aspects in mind, encouraging them to become curious, to 'have a go' at new things and to think about ways to solve problems.

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Parking & Road Safety

Please either park in the parking area opposite the entrance to the school, driving right around and parking either behind the last car or in front of the first, or on the road on the school side behind the white lines.

Please ensure that you hold your child's hand as you approach the road.

'Flu Nasal Spray

All children will by now have been given a consent form for their child to access the 'flu nasal spray which will be administered by a doctor at the school on November 2nd.

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Morning School Christmas Show - Follow the Star

Children in our Morning School will be singing songs to retell the Christmas message around the title 'Follow the Star', on Tuesday 5th December and Thursday 7th 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?

You will already have received a CD of the songs we will be singing 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.



Welcome to Mrs Yvonne Gill, Mrs Gemma Baigent & Miss Emily Bechelet

Yvonne 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.

Gemma is in the first year studying for her degree in Childhood Studies and Emily is in her second year. It is a delight to have them with 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.



Fund Raising for Kivukoni

Do see the web site www.kivukoni.co.ke for information about the wonderful school we support in Kenya. The school was opened and is run by Vicky Scarborough's niece, Lucy Oliff, so we have direct knowledge of where our money goes and how necessary the funds are.

As well as our Christmas Cards and DVD's we plan to raffle a Christmas Cake but first we plan to raise money for Kivukoni by having a 'Bring Your Teddy to School Day' - with a £2 donation and also we would like to raffle a Christmas Cake but first we need to find a baker! Is there any lovely Acorn 'friend' who would bake us a special Christmas Cake - any sort of fabulous decorations encouraged, that we could raffle in December?

Dates for your diary

Autumn Term 2017

Wednesday 6th September - Friday 15th December

Half Term

Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October

Spring Term 2018

Monday 8th January - Wednesday 28th March

Half Term

Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February

Summer Term 2018

Tuesday 17th April - Friday 13h July

Half Term

Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June



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