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# Newsletter

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## Morning School

One can't fail to be impressed by our beautiful cherry blossom trees which always greet our return to Acorn after the Easter break. First the white one and then the pink one. With these, literally on our doorstep, it follows that they form part of our focus for the first few weeks. The children worked collaboratively to create a whole group replica for display.

Subsequently, using some of the same materials and techniques some children wanted to create their own individual representations. They mixed paints to make shades of pink, used different brush techniques and combined collage materials. We looked at images of the Cherry Blossom Festival in Japan, located the island on our world map and listened to some traditional Japanese music.

Mrs Wright continues to come to Acorn to work with the children on our garden plot. Our Jersey Royals have been planted and are doing well. When these have been harvested (and enjoyed for our snack) any spare seedlings you may have at home can be brought in to replace them and tended by the children.

We have been fortunate to be able to call upon some of our kind parents who have given up their time to come into nursery to talk to the children about their jobs. Thank you Dr Wilson and Mrs Forster with Chico. We have also had a visit from PC Carly Bolton. It's such an important skill for the children to learn to listen and attend, to ask questions and to begin to form an understanding of different occupations and the way they help us. The visits have stimulated role play in our Vet's and Doctor's Surgeries and some children have

even thought about the jobs they might like to do when they are older.

We plan to focus on the places children like to visit and plot them on a large map of Jersey, hopefully with photos of the children there! The more interesting, the better. Thank you, in advance, for supporting us with this. We will call our focus 'out and about' so that we can incorporate minibeasts, butterflies, insects and worms and gardens with flowers and vegetables.

## Our Lending Library

Please do borrow books to share and enjoy with your child. Talking about the illustrations, the characters and the plot are great ways to prepare them for 'reading readiness'. As their knowledge and understanding of sounds and sounds in words develops (supported by our weekly introduction to letters using the Read, Write Inc programme) they can read along with you!

## 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.

## Staff Training

This term all our staff have been involved in 'Maximising Children's Learning Potential' which is an initiative being rolled out island wide with lecturers from the UK. Also, as usual, we have had 2 more staff attending the 'Language for Life' course which underpins language and speech and gives guidance in these developing skills.



## 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.



## Cheval Roc

We have continued this term with our visits to Cheval Roc Nursing and Retirement home. These have proved a great success for both the residents and our children alike. On our visit the children sing songs, share cakes they have made that morning and draw, play board games and complete puzzles with the ladies and gentlemen.



## Teddy Bears Picnic

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June - 12.00 - 2.30 pm

Emily Langly Smith (Orla's mummy) and Geraldine Taylor (Cara's mummy) are 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. All siblings welcome. 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.



## Mothers Helpers

Thank you to Mrs Feltham and Mrs Bechemin who have helped us with snacking 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.



## Steve Wellum Photography

Steve Wellum will be coming to take individual photographs of the children in the garden on Tuesday 22nd 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'!

## Open Music, Dance and Yoga Bugs Sessions

Near the end of term you will be invited to an Open Session of the different 'extra' activities the children have been involved in. Music and Dance for Afternoon School and Yoga for Morning school. These will be in the week starting 2nd July.



## Opening Evening

Our Open Evening is on Thursday 28th 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

**Half Term** - Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June

**Photograph Day** - Tuesday 22nd May

**Teddy Bears Picnic** - Wednesday 20th June, (no formal nursery sessions in the afternoon)

**Open Evening** - Thursday 28th June 4.00pm - 7.00pm for present parents.

### Autumn Term 2018

Wednesday 5th September - Friday 14th December, 12:15pm

### Half Term -

Mon 29th October - Friday 2nd November

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