



AUTUMN ISSUE Newsletter

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AUTUMN TERM 2021

Welcome

We are so proud of the way the children are coming into school independently, managing coats and lunch boxes and registering their names on the Acorn buses. Some manage a bright good morning which we always encourage. There is always a teacher to welcome you at the door, help your child and pass on any information to key staff. Please also remember that messages can be left on our answerphone or through our enquiries@acornnurseryschool.com e mail and time can always be made for a chat if you have worries or concerns.



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 Sayers and Mrs Cowsill, making new friends, becoming independent and enjoying musical and dance activities with Mrs Risby and Mrs Seymour, depending on which afternoons they attend.

Tapestry

Tapestry is an effective vehicle for keeping you involved in your child's learning. We hope that through Tapestry you feel part of the nursery experience and that you can share the effort and processes involved in the children's achievements. We love to share any 'wow' moments from home also so please post them to us. The children can talk about these in our group time, giving them a sense of self worth and building good self esteem.

EYFS

We plan a balance between child led and teacher provoked activities. The former are always available with different resources added to maintain interest throughout the term. The latter are our themes and focuses. Our PSED theme "Faces and Feelings" is an example where we led the children through an exploration of our emotions and how they impact on ourselves and others.



Early Reading and Writing Experiences

We are often asked about our approach to early reading and writing experiences.

This term our Foundation Stage children have been given the opportunity to recognise print in the environment, develop their fine motor skills and expand their mark making. We will be encouraging them to form the letters in their own name. They are starting to find and understand that their name is made up of individual letters and put them in sequence. 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.

Wellcomm

Identifying children needing speech and language support, which can make a crucial difference to their confidence and attainment.

Along with some other settings and schools we have The Wellcomm toolkit to use at Acorn. It is used for all children in early years settings as a quick and fun check that their understanding of what is being said (receptive language) and how they communicate verbally (expressive language) is within the expectations of their ages. The kit comes with Big Book of Ideas to support language development, attention and listening skills in our classroom.

The website www.gl-assessment.co.uk/wellcomm has more detailed information.

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! Please support our work at school in encouraging your child to be as independent as possible, putting on their own shoes, boots and coat. 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 and bring it every day.

Parking and Road Safety

Thank you to all of you who have signed our petition to restrict the speed outside our school. We are grateful to Jersey Water for allowing us to park on their land.

Please can we enforce that this is a private area and no child should be allowed to climb the banks or interfere in any way with the fencing. Please do not obstruct the entrance to the covered area and do drive right around, anti clockwise, parking after the last car.

We are waiting to hear back from Island Roads Committee regarding enforcement of 20 mph directly outside our gates and signs will be placed advising of caution.

Christmas music

We are planning to revive our Christmas Show for our Morning School children – “Wake up to Christmas” with a dress rehearsal on Friday 3rd December which will be videoed and

2 performances - Tuesday 7th December 11.00 (Yellows and Red parents) and Thursday 9th December 11.00 (Blue and Green parents). Please only 2 adults for each child.

Here is a link to our songs online:

www.acornnurseryschool.com/christmas-music-morning-school

Do use this to join in with the children as they learn the songs. A lovely way to sing in the car on your way to school!

Afternoon children will be holding an Open music session on Thursday 9th December and Monday 13th December at 2.30.

We plan to raise money to support our school charity which is Kivukoni School in Kenya through sales of recordings of our Morning School show and raffling a Christmas Cake (or 3) 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 fabulas decorations encouraged, that we could raffle in December?

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.

Registrations

Please do not forget to register younger siblings if you would like them to follow on to Acorn. We have had an unprecedented number of applications recently and are full for the next 2 years.



Reminder

If your child has a stomach upset or diarrhoea please keep them away from nursery until 48 hours after the last 'incident'. Also heavy coughs and colds are better kept at home!

Dates for your diary

Autumn Term 2021

End of term - Thursday 16th December 12.15
Half Term - Monday 25th – Friday 29th October

Spring Term 2022

Tuesday 4th January- Thursday 7th April
Half Term - Monday 21st - Friday 25th February

Summer Term 2022

Tuesday 26th April – Friday 8th July
Half Term - Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June



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