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Newsletter

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



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.

We are planning to initiate this programme after Half Term

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?

We will be sending home the blue bags at Half Term to replace with more 'seasonal items'.

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 in 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.

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. We use Tapestry to communicate upcoming events and notices, so do please check.

Thank you for contributing to our wonderful array of vegetables for our soup and our Fruity Friday Feast.

We also communicate through our Facebook page weekly, our website, and our white board which is outside the school.

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!

Christmas music

We are planning our Christmas Show for our Morning School children – “Winter Wonderland” with a dress rehearsal on Thursday 1st December which will be videoed and

2 performances - Wednesday 7th December 11.15 (Yellows and Red parents) and Thursday 8th December 11.15 (Blue and Green parents). Please only 2 adults for each child.

We are circulating the link for the music via e mail – also here: www.acornnurseryschool.com/christmas-music-morning-school

Afternoon children will be holding an Open Music session on Thursday 8th December and Monday 13th December at 2.30. www.acornnurseryschool.com/christmas-music-afternoon-school

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 website 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.



Nasal Flu Spray

We are waiting to be advised of the date that David Place Surgery will come to the school to administer the Nasal Flu Spray and will be circulating permission notices after Half Term.

Welcome to Mrs Marie Scheub and Mrs Louise Jesson

Both Marie and Louise are parents who are volunteering at the school to gain the necessary experience to start the Level 3 Diploma in Early Years Workforce, part time at Highlands in January 2023. If you are interested in gaining this very valuable qualification do contact Mrs Scarborough, who is an Assessor and the training can be done at Acorn.

Wanted

Any unused diaries, notebooks, or stationery to enhance the writing experience of our children. Also any unused paint trays and rollers you may have tucked away for that DIY job that never happened!

Dates for your diary

Autumn Term 2022

Half Term - Monday 24th Oct – Friday 28th Oct

End of term: Thursday 15th Dec 12.00

Spring Term 2023

Tuesday 10th Jan- Friday 31st March

Half Term-Monday 13th Feb - Friday 17th Feb

Summer Term 2023

Wednesday 19th April – Friday 7th July (please note change)

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



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