

# Acorns Autumn Term Newsletter 2019



**Welcome to Acorns Class we wish your child a very happy year.**

## **Mixie the travelling teddy**

Mixie is Acorn's travelling teddy. She has met most of the children now during the home visits and enjoyed their cuddles very much! Mixie will go home with a child from Acorns each weekend and bring with her a diary. Feel free to add any photographs, drawings and writing about what Mixie has been up to through the weekend. We would ask that she comes back to school on Monday morning and will make time for your child to share their news with Mixie during that week.

## **Activities**

This half term we will focus on getting to know each other and getting to know our new school. Each day the children will have the opportunity to explore a number of indoor and outdoor activities that cover all the areas of learning and encourage and support your child's growing independence. In addition, we will have a weekly PE session in the school hall and a weekly visit to the school library.

## **Topics**

Our autumn Topic Web outlines our themes for this term which will influence classroom activities, teacher led learning, role play, stories, rhymes, music and imaginative play.

## **'WOW' moments**

We introduced this idea last year in Acorns and it was a lovely way to bring Home and School together. We have a WOW tree in our classroom and would love to cover it with your children's achievements at home whether that be 'getting dressed by themselves' or 'being brave at trying a new challenge'. For those of you that have not already received them, we will be sending home little acorn and oak leaves for you to write your child's achievements on. Please also write their name and the date and post them in the 'bird box' on our 'WOW tree display' beside the cloakroom at drop off. We will celebrate these with the children through the week.

## **Parent Consultations**

We will be holding parent consultations after school on Tuesday 8th and Thursday 10th October. Please make a note in your diary – further details will follow in due course.

## **Birthdays**

We will celebrate your child's birthday in class with special party ring biscuits as a treat at snack time. **We would ask you not to bring in additional cakes or sweets for the children as not all of the children will be able to have them.**

*Many thanks.*



## **Spare Clothes**



**Please make sure that your child always has a complete change of clothes in school. Spare clothes bags should be left in school on your child's peg.** Children should also have **indoor and outdoor shoes** and a pair of Wellington boots. There will be lots of messy and outside play available for the children and it is very important that your child has clothes to change into when necessary. **Please ensure all clothes and other personal belongings are clearly named.**

### **Lunches and afternoon sessions**

As we currently have spaces in Acorns Class in the afternoons we are able to offer our morning children the opportunity to stay for lunch or afternoon sessions on an ad hoc basis. Children can bring a packed lunch and stay until 1:00pm at a cost of £6:00 or stay for a whole afternoon until 3:00pm at a cost of £18:00. Please note that payment must be made on the day. If you would like your child to stay for a lunch hour or full afternoon session please speak to Mrs Claydon or Mrs Hall to book a place for your child.

**Please be aware that we may not be able to offer this service next term.**

Please check your child's book bag regularly for information about forthcoming events in school, Acorns letters and your child's artwork. NB: If you have signed up to parent mail you will receive most school letters electronically. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the nursery team.



Best wishes

*Mrs Claydon, Mrs Hall, Mrs English, Mrs Daniel and Miss Jarvis*