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# Newsletter

SPRING TERM 2025

## Special Events

We are very fortunate to have Gregor Allan, a Jersey celebrity, who is going to introduce the children to The Bagpipes and Piping on Friday February 14th. He will be piping the children home that day and you are welcome to enjoy this in our courtyard!

Later in the term our focus will move onto Traditional Rhymes and Stories, where joining in with familiar refrains and reciting rhymes will be encouraged. As part of this we are welcoming a local Artist and Author – Ariel Whatmore who will be visiting on Friday 28th February. She will be reading her latest children's book and demonstrating her illustrations. What a treat!



## World Book Day

Thursday 6th March

Children are invited to come to nursery wearing pyjamas or onesies if they would like to, and just bring in a favourite book to share.

## Focus child

We are continuing with 'Focus Child' which is a comprehensive approach to observing and recording across all areas of development and learning. Through this programme we are able to understand your child's preferred learning style and interests

## Read, Write, Inc

The programme is now underway. Children in Foundation Stage are introduced to a letter in a fun way once a week. They practice making the sound and writing the letter correctly. Please don't worry if your child isn't particularly interested at this stage. Simply bringing attention to letters (particularly in their name) sows the seeds for later in their development. If your child is showing interest in letter formation please ensure that they are using the correct method. Please refer to our previous email explaining this.

# Music with Mrs Milner and Ms Campbell

We are so fortunate to have our lovely music teachers who come in and inspire our children with their songs, percussion and movement.

Do use the links below to sing along on your way to school – the children will be amazed that you know 'their' songs.

## Morning School

[www.acornnurseryschool.com/morning-school-music-spring/](http://www.acornnurseryschool.com/morning-school-music-spring/)

## Afternoon School

[www.acornnurseryschool.com/afternoon-school-music-spring](http://www.acornnurseryschool.com/afternoon-school-music-spring)

# Winter weather

Warm, waterproof coats, preferably with hoods are everyday essentials. Shoes that children can remove and put back on easily only please - no laces! Named hats to be kept in children's group bag and gloves in pockets.

# Christmas Fund Raising

Thanks to several wonderful mothers who baked Christmas cakes for our Raffle, which together with an Acorn donation for a link to the children singing meant that we were able to send £1000 to Kivukoni School in Kenya. They were absolutely thrilled, so thank you.



# Staff sheet

An up to date Acorn staff is attached and will also be e mailed to all parents.

# Children's Hub

This is a government initiative which is well established and has proved helpful for parents. We have been notified of their new live timetable of courses for parents which you can access through this link [www.gov.je/Caring/ChildrenAndFamiliesHub](http://www.gov.je/Caring/ChildrenAndFamiliesHub)



# Birthdays

If you would like to bring in a birthday cake, may we ask for bite size sponge cakes without icing or shop bought madeleines. Alternatively, you might consider the birthday child brings in a book for nursery instead of cake.

# Afternoon School

A warm welcome to the new families who have joined us this term. The children have settled well under the experienced care of Mrs Sayers and Mrs Scheub and are developing interests in all our afternoon activities.

# Dates for your diary

## Half Term

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

## Summer Term 2022

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July mid day

## Half Term

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May + Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May Public holidays

Further dates on our web site



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