



## Bottisham Community Primary School

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### Acorns Preschool Class Summer Term Newsletter

Dear Parents, carers,

We hope you all had a wonderful Easter Break, and we look forward to a busy summer term in Acorns Preschool Class. An especially warm welcome to Lidia, Lyra, Sophie, Lucca, Eldho and Martha and their families who are joining us this term.

This term, our older children will be preparing for starting in Reception Class at their chosen primary school in September. For those moving up into Oak Class at Bottisham Community Primary School, there will be a number of transition events planned to give the children the opportunity to spend time in their new classroom and meet their new class teachers and support staff. Further details will be sent by the Reception Class teachers and Mrs Swift, Head of Early Years.

If your child is moving to a new school, please could you let me know if they will be absent from preschool to attend their own transition events.

Our time-tabled activities will continue as follows –

- Monday mornings - Phonics for pre-reception children– continued throughout the week.
- Tuesday afternoons - school library visits.
- Wednesday mornings - PE/Music and Movement session in the school hall. **For new children, please provide opportunities at home for your child to practice putting on their socks and shoes as we will be working towards them doing this independently for PE lessons.**
- Tuesday and Friday mornings – Numberblocks for pre-reception children

As the weather improves there will be visits to the school playground and wooded area and some of our PE sessions may take place on the school field.

For older children there is now an expectation of independence when toileting (including wiping their own bottom) and managing changing shoes, putting on/taking off coats, ready for inside/outside play.





### **Developing Children's Vocabulary.**

We will continue to focus on the development of vocabulary and language skills and the ability to communicate effectively to support social skills and managing feelings and behaviour. As per last term, at the start of each new topic we will identify key vocabulary that staff will use regularly when engaging with the children in activities. We will encourage the children to experiment with using new vocabulary as they play. Parents will be sent a Key Vocabulary letter listing this vocabulary and providing details of activities and books being used in the classroom to support our learning.

We will also introduce vocabulary and communication techniques to support the children to manage disagreements and resolve conflicts independently.

Key vocabulary will continue to be a focus area for the children when they move up into Reception Class.

### **Topics and Activities**

Activities and focused learning are planned around specific topics, details of which can be found in our Summer Topic Web. The Topic Web is also designed to give you guidance as to how you can be supporting your child at home throughout the school term. **Please note that the focus areas within the Topic Web are aimed at pre-reception children but all activities will be adapted for the younger children.**

### **Important Reminders...**

- Weather - as we all know the weather can be rather unpredictable, but as we spend a considerable proportion of our session outside, please ensure that your child is appropriately dressed for the day. Hopefully it is now likely to become sunnier, so please could all children bring in a hat that can be kept in school.

**Please ensure suncream is applied before your child comes to preschool as staff are not able to apply suncream during the day.**

Children will still need Wellington boots for outside play and at least one complete set of spare clothes including socks or tights.

All children will need a **named, empty water bottle in their bags every day**. Water bottles will be filled when the children arrive and refilled throughout the day.

- Independence – Please can we ask that you send your child to Preschool in footwear which supports independence e.g. Velcro shoes, so that they can take them off and put them on independently – **consequently no buckles or laces please unless you know your child can manage these independently.**

### **Dates for your diary – further information for all events will follow in due course**

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Earth Day. Uniform sale after school

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June – whole school Art Showcase Event

**Please note that the events below are for the pre-reception children only.**

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June - New Reception Class Parents Evening

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June **or** Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June - Transition Afternoons 1:45pm – 3pm

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Reports go home

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July - Teddy Bear's Picnic 1:30pm - 2:30pm





If you ever have any questions or queries, please feel free to contact me via email [jclaydon@bottishamprimary.org](mailto:jclaydon@bottishamprimary.org) and I will respond as soon as I am able.

**Please note that from the start of this term, due to the increase in the number of children in our class, there are now three members of staff in the classroom during the morning session and two members of staff in the classroom for the afternoon session.**

**Please may I remind you that I am unable to speak to you at length at the gate at the start of the day as I am required in the classroom, but I am usually available at the end of the preschool afternoon session.**

If you need to contact us in the event of an emergency or there is a change to arrangements for collecting your child, please contact the school office in the first instance as staff in the classroom may not be able to access emails during the school day.

### Acorns Preschool Class Staff Timetable

<b>Monday</b>	AM Mrs Claydon (Class Teacher) Mrs Missing (Teaching Assistant) Mrs Ling (Teaching Assistant)	PM Mrs Claydon (Class Teacher) Mrs Missing (Teaching Assistant)
<b>Tuesday</b>	AM Mrs Claydon (Class Teacher) Mrs Missing (TA) Miss Fletcher (TA)	PM Mrs Claydon (Class Teacher) Mrs Missing (TA)
<b>Wednesday</b>	AM Mrs Claydon (Class Teacher) Miss Dilley (Higher Level TA) Miss Fletcher (TA)	PM Mrs Claydon (Class Teacher) Miss Dilley (Higher Level TA)
<b>Thursday</b>	AM Mrs Claydon (Class Teacher) Miss Dilley (HLTA) Mrs Ling (TA)	PM Mrs Claydon (Class Teacher) Miss Dilley (HLTA)
<b>Friday</b>	AM Miss Dilley (HLTA) Mrs Missing (TA) Mrs Ling (TA) (Mrs Claydon PPA – not in classroom available via email until 12noon)	PM Miss Dilley (HLTA) Mrs Missing (TA)

We look forward to a very happy and busy summer term.

Kind regards,

Jackie Claydon  
Acorns pre-school Class Teacher

