



HELMDON ACORNS NEWSLETTER

DATE: 27TH JANUARY 2017



This week we have been learning about Chinese new year and the children practised handling noodles with chopsticks and had spring rolls for snack.

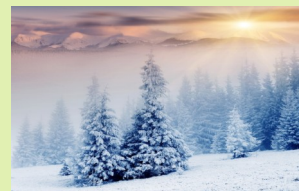
Our new “whizzy dizzy” ride on has been very popular, encouraging good turn taking skills as well as helping the children with their balance and core strength.

In Forest Schools we have enjoyed making potions. The children watered the forest area with their potions to help the flowers and vegetables grow for the fairies. The big pile of branches was popular again this week with the children using the branches to climb and build.



Next Week

We will continue to look at the life cycles of various creatures using books and jigsaws. The children will be working in their key worker groups developing their language skills using books and puppets. We are identifying children who may need support to build friendships and are working with them in small groups to facilitate this.



Dates for your diary:

- ◆ Tuesday February 7th - Gardening and cake at Acorns, from 9 till 11- All help gratefully received.
- ◆ FRIDAYS until 10th February FOREST SCHOOL
- ◆ MONDAYS after 20th February FOREST SCHOOL



Stars of the week:

Yellow Group	Oliver
Green/Turq Group	Jack
Blue Group	Reuben
Red Group	Isabel & Reuben
Purple Group	Charlotte

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Committee News

Fridays will be Forest School day until February half term and Mondays after half term until Easter. Please ensure that your child wears leggings or trousers to protect their legs.

Acorns committee held their AGM this week. All looking very positive! The minutes will be available for you all to read soon. We will put a copy up in the reception area as well as having it available to view online. Ros Spence has stepped down as Chair although she will be staying on the committee to ensure a smooth handover & it was agreed that the role going forward

would be shared by Lorna Clarke & Gary Wilson, Lorna will be the Nominated person for the setting. Other committee changes are, John Gray is now Treasurer and Kat Carter Secretary. The committee welcomes a new member Astrid Hernandez.

More detailed information to follow soon.

*“Blue sky,
sunshine
every day,
little acorns
love to play”*



Fees

A reminder that the first payment of this term's fees is now due. We set fees at a level to reflect the fact that we are a charity and so it is really important that they are paid promptly.

Who's who, staff and committee:

Setting Manager - Liz Hart

Deputy Supervisors - Kim Sadler and Susanna Morgan

Senior Practitioner - Zofija Wilson

Practitioners - Victoria Webster, Gina Rayner, Emma Houghton, Rebecca Fletcher

Lunchboxes

We encourage Healthy Eating at Acorns so please ensure that your children's lunchboxes is prepared with this in mind. We are also a no nut setting so hazelnut chocolate spread is not suitable. Grapes should be cut in half to reduce the risk of choking.

Many thanks for your co-operation

Chairperson - Lorna Clarke

Vice Chairperson - Gary Wilson

Secretary - Kat Carter

Treasurer - John Gray

Committee - Ros Spence, Lynne McLuckie, Lorraine Aust, Jo Page,

Charlotte Riley, Tiffany Swaggart, Astrid Hernandez