



HELMDON ACORNS NEWSLETTER

DATE: 10TH FEBRUARY 2017



“This is the best day ever!”

Conversation overheard today at Forest School



We rounded off our last day of term with a fireside session at Forest School. The children enjoyed a tasty hot dog before coming inside to warm up with half a cup of hot milk.

The children enjoyed the “three little pigs” story in various guises and have used puppets to retell their own versions. We have been looking at numbers and matches with different dominoes games. Our ICT Beebot was used both inside and outdoors to teach simple programming.

We have played lots of different games with the children this week to encourage turn taking and following instructions.

We continue to reinforce positive behaviour and have spoken to the children about the importance of including everyone in their games.

Outside there was lots of role play and ball games; the mud kitchen was also popular.



Dates for your diary:

- ◆ Tuesday Feb 21st - Gardening and cake at Acorns, from 9 till 11- All help gratefully received.
- ◆ Monday 20th Feb - First day of new term. Forest School
- ◆ Tuesday 7th March— Committee Meeting
- ◆ Saturday 11th March - Fundraiser food quiz
- ◆ W/C 20th March: parent consultations- details to follow



Next term

We are encouraging the children going to school in September to recognise their name (and others if they can) without the use of a visual aid so from next term the symbol on the older children’s registration cards will be removed.

The letter sound for the Show and Tell box is “b” for the first week so it would be great if your child brings in an object beginning with that sound.



Next September

We are finalising numbers, staffing and key workers next term for September 2017 onwards in March so please let us know your requirements if you have not done so already, or have a younger sibling yet to register.

From September 2017, families of 3 or 4 year old where both parents or carers (or the sole parent/carer, if a one parent family), are working and earning the equivalent of 16 hours per week at the National Minimum Wage and no more than £100,000 per year will be entitled to 30 hours childcare per week over 38 weeks.

Stars of the week:

Yellow Group	SOPHIE
Green Group	OLIVER
Blue Group	LYLA (TO FOLLOW)
Red Group	ARTHUR/ JOSHUA
Purple Group	CHARLIE

Links with home ...

The children really enjoy showing their friends their photobooks and talking about their family and who is important to them. Please let us know if you need a new one to complete as several appear to be missing.

... Acorns Bear is looking forward to enjoying the half term holiday at Oliver O's house.



After half term Forest schools will move to Mondays to ensure all children get the chance to participate. Please dress your child appropriately



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

Fees

Many thanks to all those who have paid promptly, our fees are set as low as possible as we are non-profit making so we rely on them arriving in a timely fashion to cover our outgoings.

Committee News

Planning continues for the 'Food for thought' fundraising quiz.

Tickets are available from Acorns and committee members and can be purchased individually or as a whole team.

This event includes rounds where you test your taste buds with both food and drinks.

If you are not part of the committee but would like to be involved in this, the next meeting is Tuesday 21st Feb, at The Bell at 7:30pm.

The first meeting of the new Committee will take place on Tuesday 7th March at 7:30pm at Acorns.

Who's who, staff and committee:

Setting Manager - Liz Hart

Deputy Supervisors - Kim Sadler and Susanna Morgan

Senior Practitioners - Zofija Wilson

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

Chairperson - Lorna Clarke

Vice Chairperson - Gary Wilson

Secretary - Kat Carter

Treasurer - John Gray

Committee - Ros Spence, Lynne McLuckie, Lorraine Aust, Jo Page, Charlotte Riley, Astrid Hernandez