



HELMDON ACORNS NEWSLETTER

DATE - 28TH APRIL 2017



WELCOME BACK

Dates for your diary:

- ◆ **Monday 1st May - CLOSED, Bank Holiday**
- ◆ **Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th June - Caroline Rush-ton Photography**

All the children have settled well back into Acorns and we have also welcomed Kian this week. We really enjoyed playing with the tyres, using them as obstacle courses, tunnels, towers and much more. Lots of the children are now initiating games themselves: "Duck, duck, goose" was very popular and the older children were cheering on the younger ones without being prompted to do so. Our tadpoles are doing well (both inside and in the pond) and are starting to grow legs; we are also watching some caterpillars develop.

We gave the digging pit a good digging over as it was very hard and the children found all sorts of interesting mini beasts.

Preparing for School

A reminder that all those going to school in September should have a simple PE kit here at all times as we vary the days they practise getting changed on.

We are confirming transition dates with Helmdon Primary next week (Tuesday 4th July will definitely be "moving up" day) and we will also be contacting the other receiving schools.

Active Kids

We have set our sights on some new PE equipment and need lots more Sainsbury's vouchers to achieve this - there is a collection box in the cloakroom and it would be really appreciated if you could ask family and friends for vouchers as well.

Thank you

The staff and committee would like to thank the parents who gave so much time over the Easter and also this week to weed, tidy, paint and generally refurbish the gardens at Acorns. Everything is starting to look lovely and it has made a huge difference. **Taylor Wimpey** have **VERY** kindly donated money for a new shed which will be arriving on Friday.



Stars of the week:

Yellow Group	OLIVIA
Green (to follow)	LUCIA
Blue Group	ABBIE
Red (to follow)	AMELIE SOPHIE H
Purple Group	TOBY

Registration



We would politely ask parents to ensure that they arrive in a timely manner at Acorns (or to let us know if they are delayed) as it is disruptive to the session to have children arriving at 09:10 once registration has begun.

We have slightly changed the way in which the children self-register (they now select their name and place it next to their photo within their key group). This seems to be working well and the children enjoy looking to see who else is available to play with.

Forest School

The children enjoyed making porridge for Goldilocks and the Three Bears and building them a hotel. Our next job is to build a "Bug Hotel" - we would be grateful to receive any of the following before next Thursday (please leave by the bins and we will collect); straw, moss old bricks (with holes in), pine cones, terracotta pots, strips of wood, bamboo, sand, corrugated cardboard—thank you.

Who's who, staff and committee:

Setting Manager—Liz Hart

Deputy Supervisors - Kim Sadler and Susanna Morgan

Senior Practitioners - Zofija Wilson (maternity leave)

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

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



Forest school takes place on **THURSDAYS** to ensure all children get the chance to participate. Please dress your child appropriately