



HELMDON ACORNS NEWSLETTER

DATE - 5TH MAY 2017

Update from this week.



What a busy week we have had! The dry weather has allowed us to spend hours and hours outside doing everything from painting to science experiments as well as using the normal play equipment. At Forest School we made a start on the Bug Hotel and did some pond dipping. We explored the textures of the citrus fruits with different types of juicing equipment and have been making our own snack/lunch time cards. Key-worker time has focused on turn taking in games and communication and language development using the photo books as well as physical skills. The garden is planted up ready for the summer... we just need a bit of warm sunshine for the seedlings to break through. Gina has developed a keen interest in gardening which has been infectious upon the children and she recommends "Mr Bloom's Nursery" on CBeebies to further interest the children.

Your help...

The children have been given a sponsor form to raise money for the Save the Children... we will go on a couple of Muddy Puddles walks and if you can sponsor a couple of pounds for that cause, it would be great.

A large proportion of our children usually join in with our singing sessions... be it nursery rhymes or other songs but there are some children who don't seem to know them very well. Singing is a great way to improve language and communication so it would be appreciated if you can consciously sing more with your child at home if this is something which you don't often do. We can provide a list if needed.



Dates for your diary:

- ◆ **Tuesday 9th May** ~ Muddy Puddle Walk in aid of Save the Children
- ◆ **Friday 26th May** ~ Last day of term
- ◆ **Monday 5th June** ~ First Day of term & photographer
- ◆ **Tuesday 6th June** ~ Photographer
- ◆ **Friday 9th June and Wednesday 14th June** ~ 'Stay and Play' at Helmdon Primary for those starting in September—details next term
- ◆ **Tuesday 27th June** ~ Transition morning at Helmdon Primary
- ◆ **Wednesday 28th June** ~ Leavers' Trip
- ◆ **Tuesday 4th July** ~ final transition morning at Helmdon
- ◆ **Monday 10th July** ~ Sports Day—details to follow



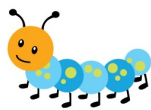
**STAR OF THE WEEK
RETURNS NEXT WEEK**
Due to it being a short week

Next Week

Our role play next week will be hairdressers, any props gratefully received. We will be carrying out some more science experiments and doing some water play outside.

The muddy puddle walks around the village will provide an opportunity for looking for numbers and signs as well as doing a bit of map reading....

We are hoping to see our caterpillars start to build their cocoons soon. Items brought in for Show and Tell should start with the sound "S".



Caterpillar



With the warmer weather, please ensure that you apply sun cream to your child BEFORE drop off. Children staying all day should have a named suncream at the setting which we will re-apply after lunch. All children must have a named sunhat at Acorns too. Doodles or trainers are best for outside play; open toed sandals are not suitable as we have bark paths in the garden.

Who's who, staff and committee:

Setting Manager—Liz Hart

Deputy Supervisors - Kim Sadler and Susanna Morgan

Senior Practitioner - 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 now takes place on THURSDAYS to ensure all children get the chance to participate. Please dress your child appropriately