

HELMDON ACORNS NEWSLETTER

DATE: 11TH NOVEMBER 2016

This week ...



We have been busy creating poppy pictures, we explained to the children what the poppies were for by referencing the first part of this clip which the older children asked to see again and were able to recall.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=doalcouBKwc>

We enjoyed looking at the Firework display created from the Smartie



tubes; the children were very proud of their creations and showed their friends which was theirs.

Victoria devised a fabulous dance to "Firework" using crepe paper ribbons which the children really engaged with.

On Thursday our Forest School session was the first for some of our two year olds who need more support with getting

ready in waterproofs and wellies. With the cold weather approaching this is something we would really appreciate you encouraging your child to do independently at home.

The children painted leaves and helped clear leaves from the pond area.



and for when you need to warm up we have literally gallons of mulled wine to sort you out. Also selling tea and coffee.

Food wise we will have our BBQ going with hot-dogs and burgers (veggie available) and these come with FREE onions or authentic cheddar cheese. The prices remain the same as last year so we hope you will enjoy our quarter pounder burgers and 'Mumfords' sausages.

Once the queue on the BBQ has been served we will get the 'BEST YET' fire works going, approx. time for this is about 1830. You will not be disappointed.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- ◆ Saturday 12th November - Acorns Bonfire and fire-works evening. Tickets available and selling fast.
- ◆ Friday 25th November - parent and committee social, curry night in Brackley, further details in newsletter.
- ◆ Tuesday 20th December - Last day of term. Arrangements to follow.
- ◆ Thursday 5th January - First day back in new year.

Final preparation for the fireworks

This week has seen the last of the preparations for our biggest fundraiser of the year, the bonfire and firework display.

Thank you to those who helped with the gardening on Tuesday morning, it is now looking much tidier ready for all the visitors on Saturday. The volunteers were rewarded for their efforts with a team visit to the Reading Room for coffee and cake afterwards.

It was the last of the weekly meetings to get everything organised this Tuesday evening and this year the event has been supported more than ever before, with both indi-

viduals and companies offering what they can to make the night a success. The only thing we couldn't arrange is the weather, so please can every one do their best 'rain, rain go away' dance and keep your fingers crossed too.

The evening opens at 17:00 with the lighting of the bonfire. We will be displaying the Helmdon School 'Guys' until about 17:30 when they too will be added to the bonfire. We have sweets, glo-sticks and toffee apples for sale for the younger ones and, for the older ones, a bar selling wine, lager and cider. We have also introduced real ale this year



STARS OF THE WEEK:

Yellow Group	OLIVIA
Green Group	LEWIS
Blue Group	REUBEN
Red Group to be awarded Mon	ANNA-BELLE
Purple Group	JACE

Notice

Messy
Church this
Sunday
@1530

Parent and committee social night- 25th November

We thought it would be nice to get together parents and committee members for a social evening. As gorgeous as all our little'uns are they are often literally hanging off our legs and interrupting conversations at the drop off and pick up times.

So the date is set for a curry evening this time, the location is going to be Chilli and Pepper in Brackley.

would also like a £5 deposit in order for us to secure a large booking at the restaurant.

The committee will make the booking and as one of the larger curry houses in Brackley they should be able to fit a good number of us in.

Everyone is welcome, it will just be a chance to relax and enjoy good food.

If you would like to come along please email chair@helmdonacorns.org.uk to let us know and we



*"Blue sky,
sunshine*

every day,

little acorns

love to play"

Coming up

Next week

We plan our activities according to the children's interests and next week will be having diggers in jelly in a tuff tray as the sand was popular this week.

We will be buying more floor puzzles to enable small group work in key person groups and role play will be a café.

Looking forward

On Wednesday 30th November Barbara Gundle, a pottery painter, will be offering the opportunity of creating ceramic keepsakes.

This will take place during session time; details will follow from the Committee.

Fabulous fundraising fireworks - final update

Well done Noah for creating firework judged best overall,

The judge (Victoria Webster) had a tough job but decided his was the best (child only) effort.

Next year we will have a 'best with parent support' class

We just wanted to say a huge

Thank You

To all who contributed to the design a firework. The final total was £155 and that was just the donated 20p coins!!! Which was a fantastic effort.

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Practitioners - Victoria Webster, Gina Rayner

Chairperson - Ros Spence

Vice Chairperson - VACANCY

Secretary - Lorna Clarke

Treasurer - Kat Carter

Helmdon Acorns, a nurturing environment in the heart of a beautiful village, enhancing the development of children through play.

Spotlight on Laura Wilson - previous committee chair



Laura |Wilson

Laura Wilson has previously been very involved in Acorns and this year has stepped down from the committee, although has pledged her continued support for the fire-works fundraiser, an event which apparently spawned from a conversation in the pub.

This week she enlightens us with her experiences.

How long have you been involved with Acorns?

Ha ha funny! I can't remember ask Liz?!? A long time. (Ed - Liz said about 6 years)

Why did you choose to join the committee at Acorns?

I joined the committee as at the time there were no people on the committee and if I hadn't of joined Acorns wouldn't have been able to run as there would have been no committee! It wasn't a choice but a necessity.

What advice would you have for any parent considering joining the committee?

I would advise anyone who chooses to put their children in a committee run pre-school to get involved, it's the best way to know who/how/why the decisions are made and then have a say in them. Most of all it's really good fun!

What were you like at school?

I was a bandit but somehow got the grades so got away with everything!

What would you do if you won £10m?

Go on holiday and have a think about what we would buy!

What's your favourite karaoke & are you any good?

Ros, you know the answer I'll tell you in "private"

Your new neighbours are coming over for dinner and you want to impress. What would you cook?

Strange but smoked salmon and celeriac dauphinoise is always a good one!