

HELMDON ACORNS NEWSLETTER

DATE: 9TH DECEMBER 2016

This week ...



After a period of colds and viruses, it was lovely to be nearly back to full strength this week.

We have been busy weaving and making Christmas cards. The children have enjoyed opening the online advent calendar and we have been practising the songs for our performance on Monday 20th December. Please let us know if you are unsure of the costume your child needs to wear on the day.

We enjoyed playing with a Winter Wonderland scene touching some very realistic snow and at Forest School it was great fun to play in the thick blanket of leaves and also make decorations out of pine cones.

Our Christmas tree is up and has been lovingly decorated by the children.

The feedback from those parents whose children did the pottery was very positive.

Dates for your diary:

- ◆ Friday 9th December - Brackley Round Table Christmas Collection, in Helmdon, **Volunteers meet TONIGHT AT 6PM**
- ◆ Monday 19th Dec - Acorns Nativity play during the morning session.
- ◆ Tuesday 20th Dec - Last day of term, Christmas dinner lunch
- ◆ Thursday 5th January - First day back in new year.

Your committee needs you

The committee's AGM will be held on Tuesday 17th January and with some of the old guard hanging up their boots, we would love to see some new faces on the committee.

Come along for a glass of wine, find out a bit more about what the committee does without any obligation to join up.



As a charity, Acorns is heavily reliant on the committee for support, guidance and fundraising so we really encourage anyone with

a few hours free to come and join us.

You'd be supporting your child's education, have your say in the running of the pre-school, it's something to put on your CV and it's a great way to meet other people.

Still not convinced? Come along on the 17th January and see what you think ... see you there!



Stars of the week:

Yellow Group	OLIVIA
Green Group	HARLEY
Blue Group	ELLIE-MAY
Red Group	REUBEN DOUGLAS
Purple Group	JOSEPH





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New Staff members



Emma Houghton

We have recently welcomed Emma Houghton to Acorns. Emma is Level 3 qualified in Early Years and will be working on Mondays and Fridays initially and has settled in well.

We have also welcomed Rebecca Fletcher on to bank staff with the intention that she will work on a Wednesday and Thursday after Christmas. Rebecca is NNEB qualified and is looking forward to

returning to working in Early Years after a break while she had her family.

Next week

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

We are looking forward to taking the children down to Helmdon Primary School on Monday morning to watch the dress rehearsal of the school nativity. Many of the children will be able to watch their older siblings and will recognise those who left Acorns last year which is always nice to see.

We will be making some tasty Christmas goodies and practising our pencil control whilst we finish our Christmas cards.

Who's who, staff and committee:

Setting Manager - Liz Hart

Deputy Supervisors – Kim Sadler and Susanna Morgan

Senior Practitioners - Kerri Seymour, Zofija Wilson

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

Chairperson - Ros Spence

Vice Chairperson - VACANCY

Secretary - Lorna Clarke

Treasurer - Kat Carter

Committee - Lynne McLuckie, John Gray, Lorraine Aust, Jo Page,

Charlotte Riley, Tiffany Swaggart, Gary Wilson.

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.