



HELMDON ACORNS NEWSLETTER

DATE - 3RD MARCH 2017

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Update from this week



Games during key worker time.....

We experienced everything from warm sunshine to icy sleet this week....it must be Spring! Forest School was focused around mud painting and the brighter weather meant everyone enjoyed it. The children watched pancakes being cooked on the patio on Tuesday and it was just about warm enough to eat them outside. Thank you to Imogen's family for providing

the equipment and tracking down more gas just in time. On Tuesday afternoon we watched the children at the primary school in a pancake race and then had a go ourselves, cheered on by the school pupils. We learnt about St David's Day and World Book Day gave us many opportunities to look at a whole range of books including a copy of "Go Dog Go" which was so ancient it is even older than Liz!

Next week

We hope to be able to extend the children's learning outside with some traffic markings for them to follow on the ride-ons and plant some more vegetables and flowers. We will be looking at the changes the new season has brought and doing some new PE activities.

Show and Tell sound for next week is "m".

We plan to do some more still life painting as they children enjoyed copying some pictures of fruit today.

Parent Consultations—20th March

Many parents have signed up for these; the sheets are in the cloakroom if you have missed them. Parents of children NOT starting school in September will receive a printed copy of a report on their child's progress next week. This should be returned to us with your comments for discussion at the parents evening please. Children transitioning to school will receive their report in May.



Dates for your diary:

- ◆ **Saturday 11th March** - Fundraiser food quiz - details overleaf.
- ◆ **Sunday 12th March**— **Messy Church**—poster in the foyer
- ◆ **Tuesday 14th March** - Committee meeting
- ◆ **Monday 20th March**- Parent Consultations
- ◆ **Friday 31st March** - Last day of term
- ◆ **Wednesday 19th April** - First day of term



Stars of the week:

Yellow Group	OLIVER
Green Group	JACK
Blue Group	ABBIE
Red Group (To follow)	JOSHUA SOPHIE
Purple Group	CESCA

Staff News



We are delighted to welcome Hannah Foulkes back to Acorns this week. Hannah was with us for work placements in recent terms and is now a fully qualified Level 3 Early Years Educator. Hannah will be covering Zofija when she goes on maternity leave later this month.

Committee News

'Food For Thought' Quiz Night

Hurry.... We now only have a handful of tickets left for our fundraising event 'Food for Thought' quiz. Please see Acorns, or any of the committee should you wish to purchase a ticket. This is the second biggest fundraiser for us, and we are raising money to spend on the outside play area. The pirate ship needs a lick of paint, the 'Octo-pod' needs a spruce up and the wooden slide structure needs new legs, so we are hoping to raise enough to tackle these jobs for the summer.



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

Huge congratulations to the Page family on the safe arrival of baby Oscar this week.



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