



# HELMDON ACORNS NEWSLETTER

DATE - 24TH MARCH 2017

## Update from this week.



A warm welcome to our new starter, Jack Sadler. The children have been totally engrossed this week in the tank of frogspawn we have set up in the main room; it is developing very quickly and it won't be many days before the tadpoles appear.

The children have enjoyed baking cakes to be sold for Red Nose Day. Many thanks for your donations - final total to follow.

Many thanks to Astrid (Luca's mum) for raking over, removing stones and reseeding the top of the tunnel area for us. Hopefully it won't take too long before we can use it again.

## Next week

On Monday we are looking forward to taking the children to Manor Farm to see some sheep and lambs and we will then have our final forest school session of the term around the campfire

Later in the week we will walk around the village to post some cards we have made, looking for numbers and letters along the way.

The letter for Show and Tell objects is "h" next week.

## Parent consultations and feedback

Thank you to all the parents who came this week, we hope you found them useful and we are looking forward to reviewing the feedback sheets. We have also set up our annual questionnaire on Survey Monkey and would be grateful if you can complete it online by 30th April. There are only ten questions so it shouldn't take long: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/9QD6HB8>



### Dates for your diary:

- ◆ **Sunday 26th March** - Mothering Sunday Service at St Mary Magdalene Church, Helmdon at 10am - make a posy of flowers.
- ◆ **Tuesday 28th March** - Gardening Morning
- ◆ **Friday 31st March** - Last day of term
- ◆ **Thursday 6th April** - Gardening Party—see over-leaf
- ◆ **Wednesday 19th April** - First day of term
- ◆ **Monday 1st May** - CLOSED, Bank Holiday



### Stars of the week:

Yellow	OLIVER
Green	LEWIS
Blue Group	REUBEN
Red Group	REUBEN ISABEL
Purple	CESCA

## Next Term

We will be encouraging the pre-schoolers (those starting school in September 2017) to change themselves for PE sessions. This will help with the transition into school in September. The children will need to have a small named bag (ideally draw-string) containing plimsolls or trainers, shorts and t-shirt at Acorns at all times after Easter. You are welcome to purchase a school uniform PE kit if you would like but this isn't a necessity.



## Committee News

### Gardening Party

You will all have received an email this week regarding the Garden Party the committee have organised for Thursday 6th April from 09:30hrs at Acorns

We need as many pairs of hands as we can to help get through the list of 'garden maintenance' jobs. You're more than welcome to bring your child/children to play, but they will remain the parents responsibility.

Bring picnic food with you, so that we can all enjoy a picnic after the hard work.

Please email [chair@helmdonacorns.org.uk](mailto:chair@helmdonacorns.org.uk) if you are able to help - Thank you!

## 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

Please ensure that you arrive promptly to pick up at the end of your child's session. This is especially important at 12:00 when we are also supervising children at lunch and uncollected children can become confused or distressed. You are most welcome to ring the bell from 11:55 onwards.



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