

HELMDON ACORNS NEWSLETTER

DATE - 31st MARCH 2017

Update from this week.



A very busy week to finish off the term. We loved looking at the lambs and asked lots of questions of the farming staff. Then we enjoyed a camp fire at Forest School.

We took advantage of the sunny weather on Thursday to walk around the village, buying stamps in the Post Office and posted some Easter cards home. On Friday we had a delivery of tyres which we plan to use in the garden; the children enjoyed rolling and balancing on them.

CONGRATULATIONS to Gina who sailed through her assessment on Wednesday; the assessor is submitting paperwork to recommend she receives her Level 3 accreditation as soon as possible.

Next term

As the weather brightens up, please take home hats and coats and instead ensure that your child has a sunhat to hand. Please **apply suncream BEFORE drop off if it is necessary** and children staying all day will need a named sun cream at Acorns for re-application.

Please ensure that your child has suitable shoes during the summer. These should be closed toe sandals or "Doodles". Crocs are not a good choice as the children struggle to run when wearing them.

Long sleeves and trousers need to be available for Forest School which will take place on THURSDAYS after Easter.

Parent consultations and feedback

A reminder to submit responses to our questionnaire on Survey Monkey 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:

◆ **Friday 31st March** - Last day of term

HAVE A LOVELY BREAK!

◆ **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:

Green Group	LUCA
Blue Group	ELLIE-MAY
Red Group	DOUGLAS
Purple	JACE

Next Term—continued

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 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, 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

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 Thursdays now to ensure all children get the chance to participate. Please dress your child appropriately