



# HELMDON ACORNS NEWSLETTER

DATE -125TH MAY 2017

## Update from this week.



In Forest School we completed the bug hotel “Creature Comforts” and also made good use of branches and tree trunks which were taken down on neighbouring land earlier in the week. The children have continued to enjoy an obstacle course and practising balancing, hopping, jumping and crawling which will be good practice for when we start thinking about Sports Day....

The hairdressers has been popular inside although the weather has meant that most activities were outside, including snack and our science experiment (Wizard’s brew!)

The sunflowers and beans are up in the garden and we have a well organised rota for watering!

## Your help...

Many thanks for the sponsor money received so far.. There weren’t many puddles but the children enjoyed their walk around the village on Tuesday looking for numbers and met the postman several times....

We were delighted to receive a donation of tomato plants from John Riches in Abthorpe which meant that all the children have one to take home; we look forward to seeing photos of how they are doing on Tapestry. Please can we have the black pots back once they are potted on.

Thanks for all the Sainsbury’s vouchers received so far; we are hoping for a few more if possible to reach our target.



### Dates for your diary:

- ◆ **Friday 26th May** ~ Last day of term
- ◆ **Monday 5th June** ~ First Day of term & photographer
- ◆ **Tuesday 6th June** ~ Photographer
- ◆ **Friday 9th June and Wednesday 14th June** ~ ‘Stay and Play’ at Helmdon Primary for those starting in September—details next term
- ◆ **Tuesday 27th June** ~ Transition morning at Helmdon Primary
- ◆ **Wednesday 28th June** ~ **Leavers’ Trip**—more info next week
- ◆ **Tuesday 4th July** ~ final transition morning at Helmdon
- ◆ **Monday 10th July** ~ Sports Day—details to follow
- ◆ **Friday 21st July** ~ Last day of term- details to follow



**STAR OF THE WEEK RETURNS NEXT WEEK**  
Due to it being a short week

## Next Week

The caterpillars are now in their cocoons so it won't be very long before the butterflies emerge. We will be using some ICT equipment and water play and messy tuff trays too.

We will do a collage of the village showing where we went on our walk and what we saw. Items brought in for Show and Tell should start with the sound "a".

We won't be wearing our waterproofs for Forest School in the warmer weather so it is really important that on THURSDAYS your child wears a long sleeve top and leggings/trousers to Acorns.



With the hotter weather approaching, please ensure that you apply sun cream to your child BEFORE drop off. Children staying all day should have a named suncream at the setting which we will re-apply after lunch. All children must have a named sunhat at Acorns too. Doodles or trainers are best for outside play; open toed sandals are not suitable as we have bark paths in the garden.

## Who's who, staff and committee:

Setting Manager—Liz Hart

Deputy Supervisors – Kim Sadler and Susanna Morgan

Senior Practitioner - Zofija Wilson (Maternity Leave)

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



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