



Helmdon Acorns

Newsletter

Monday 5th February 2018

News from last week

The children enjoyed the sea scene with sand and sea creatures and on Friday we made shelters for animals.

Our kindness tree is coming along nicely, the children have made hearts and we will be asking them to tell us about which people are special to them.



This week...

We will be talking to the children about the importance of keeping your private parts of your body to yourselves at the beginning of the week.

We will be having an early Shrove Tuesday as it falls next week and will talk about Chinese New Year on our return after the half term break.

Did you spot us???

Children and staff from the Tuesday afternoon session featured on the front page of the Banbury Guardian on Thursday due the setting being one of the first recipients of funding from the HS2 grant scheme. Lorna Clarke is to give a radio interview on Thursday to Radio Northampton.



Cake Sale

Many thanks to all who supported Vicky and Meri last week; they raised over £30 for Children in Need.

Tax-free Childcare

From 24 November 2017, the Tax-Free Childcare Service opened to parents whose youngest child is under 6 or who has their 6th birthday on that day. Parents can apply via the Childcare Choices website.

Tax-Free Childcare offers parents with children under 12 up to £2,000 per child, per year, towards their childcare costs (or under 17 and up to £4,000 for disabled children). Eligible parents entering the scheme will open an online childcare account that they can use to pay for childcare. Payments will work just as they would through an online bank account, using a reference number for each child so we can identify your payments.



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Quiz News

Over a third of the tickets have been sold for the quiz on Saturday 3rd March so act now to get yours!

There are some food rounds sure to tantalise your taste buds plus the bar will be offering a good selection to accompany it. There are free table snacks included—tickets are £4 each and available from Acorns or Committee Members.

Committee News

The Committee are continuing to work on fundraising events throughout the remainder of the school year. We are looking into the possibility of holding a summer fete/garden party when the weather gets a little warmer.

Due to the weather our next gardening morning is being held on **Wednesday 7th February** under the guidance of Astrid. If you can spare some time after drop off in the morning it would be much appreciated.

Chairperson: Kat Carter

Vice Chairperson: Sammie Vale

Secretary: Katie Sleath

Treasurer: John Gray

Committee: Lynne McLuckie, Astrid Hernandez, Judy Wise, Mike Ludwig, Sophie Lander-Ritchie, Theresa Harvey

Dates for your Diary

Friday 9th Feb - last day of term

Monday 18th Feb - first day of term 4

Sat 3rd March - Food Quiz @7:30pm in Reading Room, Helmdon

w/c 5th March—parents consultation—details to follow

Thursday 29th March—last day of term 4

Lost

A pair of jeans remains lost having been accidentally sent home with the wrong child two weeks ago; please can you check bags and return if found.

Acorns Team

Setting Manager: Liz Hart

Deputy Supervisors: Kim Sadler & Susanna Morgan

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

Bank Staff: Hannah Foulkes