



Helmdon Acorns

Newsletter

Monday 5th March 2018

News from last week

Where do we start?? On Monday we had an Ofsted inspection which was our first under a new evaluation schedule and were delighted to be graded "Outstanding" in all areas. We will share the contents of the report once it is uploaded to the Ofsted website.

Monday's Forest School session was "Three Little Pigs" and we carry on that theme inside too.

The bitterly cold weather meant that we had to re-evaluate our planning as the children could only spend limited time outside. We have a range of ride on toys including Swivel scooters which helped the children practise their turn taking skills and we tried to offer other exciting activities to keep the children engaged.



Looking forward ...

This week we have booked a visit from a police car and policeman for Wednesday 7th March (dependent upon operational availability)

We will start to focus on Spring, of which the highlight will be trip to Manor Farm on Monday 26th March— look out for the consent forms this week.

Due to the Farm trip, Forest School will move to Tuesday for the last week of term (27th March).

Please note that we re-open after Easter on TUESDAY 17th APRIL.

Parent Consultations

Our next consultation evening takes place this Thursday 8th March from 4 -6 pm.

This is a chance for all parents to have a 10 minute discussion with your child's key worker and discuss their next steps. Your child's development in the 7 areas of learning in the EYFS was tracked at half term based on general observations on Tapes-try, the key worker's knowledge of your child and a detailed handwritten observation which you will also have seen on Tapes-try.

In addition a written report has been collated for children staying at the setting next year (those leaving in July 2018 will receive a report in late June).





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Committee News



We held our annual Quiz night on Saturday, despite the epic snow fall (which actually turned out to make a great chiller for all the beer and fizz!).

The evening was a huge success and has raised around £800 for Acorns so well done to everyone involved and our thanks to all who braved the cold and shared the evening with us.

Following on from the announcement this morning on social media and here in the newsletter, I would just like to offer the Committee's congratulations to all the staff and children who were present last Monday for our Ofsted inspection. We are so very proud to be able to say that we are a part of an 'Outstanding' Pre-school and please do give the girls a 'well done when you see them. What an achievement!!

Gardening Club

There will be a gathering for some gardening this Wednesday 7th March from 9am at Acorns, just to have a last tidy before the Spring is upon us. If anyone can spare a little time after drop off, your help is 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, Lorna Clarke

Dates for your Diary

Wed 7th March—police car visit

Thurs 8th March—Parents' Consultation Evening

Mon 26th March—trip to Manor Farm

Thursday 29th March—last day of term 4

TUESDAY 17th April—first day of term 5



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