



# Helmdon Acorns



Monday 23rd April 2018

## Next year—2018/19

Some sessions from September 2018 onwards are getting busy; if you will need any additional sessions at any point to July 2019 please book them in this term with Liz, to ensure that we can accommodate your request.

## Activities

The warm weather provided us with a great opportunities for some Spring cleaning. The child washed the outside toys, helped dig the flower beds and enjoyed investigating mini beasts.

We ate snack outside and talked to the children about the importance of being safe in the sun. The hairdresser's salon was especially popular inside. We enjoyed counting games outside and updated our art display with some string painting pictures.

We also enjoyed filling up jugs and syringes with pipettes and calculating volumes of water, whilst mixing colours.

## Moving Up to School

We will be doing some specific activities with the older school this term as "School Readiness" preparation. One of these involves practising getting changed for PE sessions. Please provide a PE kit consisting of T-shirt, shorts and plimsolls/trainers in a named bag (not a plastic bag) to be hung on their peg. Items can consist of their new school PE kit but this is not necessary. As we will vary the days we do PE, it would be preferable to leave it at the setting at all times.

Acorns Bear will be going home with all children leaving us this term so your child can make memories and hopefully will enjoy his visit.

## Looking forward ...

This week we are looking at plant life cycles and planting up the garden.

We will be talking about the Queen and her birthday.

There will be NO Forest School this week; sessions re-start on Thursday 3rd May.





# Helmdon Acorns Newsletter

## Committee News

The next committee meeting will take place on Tuesday 8th May, 7.30pm at Helmdon Acorns. All are welcome to attend and we look forward to seeing you there.

We are looking for some more volunteers to help us keep the front garden at Acorns looking lovely through the spring and summer months. The next gardening and cake morning is planned for Wednesday 9th May following on from drop off in the morning and will be fortnightly from then on. We would love to see some new faces and if you want any more info then please speak to a member of the Committee.

**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

## Community News

There is a baby and toddler group that is held at Helmdon Church on a Thursday morning from 10am til 12pm. This will start again weekly from Thursday 3rd May.

It's run by a lovely group of ladies from the Village and there are lots of toys play with and crafts for the children to get involved with. It's £1 donation and there is tea and coffee with snacks and biscuits for all.

## Dates for your Diary

Thursday 3rd May—FOREST SCHOOL session (and every remaining Thursday this term)

Monday 7th May—BANK HOLIDAY—CLOSED

Tuesday 8th May—Committee Meeting

Tuesday 8th and Wed 9th May—Photographer Caroline Rushton here. Please speak to a member of staff if your child does not attend either day and you wish to book an appoint. Note that there will be a Leavers' group photo taken on Tuesday morning—please see Liz if your child does not attend on this day.

## 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, Fiona Kirkham