



Helmdon Acorns

Newsletter

Monday 30th April 2018

Last week

We enjoyed watching and discussing a science investigation to make an erupting volcano!

We learnt about what to expect to see when a seed starts to grow and read "Jack and the Beanstalk". There was lots of music and lumpy sticks last week too. We practised our fine motor skills using pipettes to make some very delicate pictures.

Our garden is coming along nicely— we replanted the strawberry bed and are preparing the veg beds for tomatoes, courgettes, cucumbers and carrots. We will be making a scarecrow soon too.

Our pre-schoolers are enjoying telling the other children about what Acorns Bear has been doing at home!



Moving Up to School

We have arranged all our transition dates with Helmdon Primary School and will be contacting the other receiving schools to do the same.

All children leaving in July will be invited to our Leavers' Trip which will be on Wednesday 11th July (details to follow).

Please ensure those starting school in September have a PE kit in the setting as requested in the last newsletter.

Looking forward ...

We have some lovely sensory activities lined up for this week.

Forest School takes place this week on Thursday 3rd May.

See overleaf for important dates this summer.

Please note....

We have had a case of chicken pox reported.



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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 after drop off 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 a £1 donation and there is tea and coffee with snacks and biscuits for all.

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

Diary Dates

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.

Friday 25th May—last day of term

Monday 4th June—first day of term

Tuesday 12th June—9:30am—Acorns Sports Day

Tuesday 3rd July—Stay and Play for new children starting in September 2018

Tuesday 10th July - visit to Helmdon Primary to see the summer production

Wednesday 11th July—Leavers' trip—Acorns open for other children

Friday 20th July—last day of term