

# HELMDON ACORNS NEWSLETTER

DATE - 7th July 2017

## Update from this week



*Meeting the Year 6 buddies*

We have enjoyed the warm weather and cooled off with a bit of paddling when it got really hot. There was a car wash in action as well as baby washing and water play with the gutter stands. On Tuesday we welcomed 11 new children to Acorns with their parents as a 'stay and play' prior to them starting with us in the Autumn. The final transitions to Helmdon School have now taken place, with the new Year 6 children meeting the Acorns on the field on Friday.

Thursday's forest school session revolved about the story of The Three Billy Goats Gruff, with the children building a bridge.

## Next week

We have two Year 10 Work Experience students here next week, Hannah and Chloe from Magdalen College School in Brackley.

Next Monday (10th July) is our Sports Day—09:15am—10:30am on Helmdon Primary School field and is open to all our children. If your child does not attend on a Monday and is coming, please bring them to the field at 09:15am. Our car park will be busy; please be considerate and DO NOT PARK on Hintons Close as it is narrow but use Station Road instead.

Please ensure your child is wearing trainers and suitable clothing. All parents and relatives are invited to watch the fun. There will also be a prize draw for 'Afternoon Tea' at The Green Room.

On Wednesday there will be a short visit to Helmdon Primary School to watch their end of year performance 'Matilda'.

### Dates for your diary:

- ◆ **Monday 10th July ~**  
Sports Day—details below
- ◆ **Monday 17th July—**  
Drumming Concert—  
details overleaf
- ◆ **Wednesday 12th July ~**  
Visit to Helmdon School  
(older children) to see  
'Matilda'
- ◆ **Friday 21st July ~** Last  
day of term- details over-  
leaf
- ◆ **Saturday 29th July ~**  
Band Night at The Read-  
ing Rooms—Acorns Fund-  
raising event, details  
overleaf



## Final week of term

On the Monday (17th July) there will be a short performance given by the children to show off their drumming skills with Keba. All parents are invited to attend at 09:30am.

### Friday 21st July

There will be a Leavers Presentation at 09.30am to which the parents and relatives of all children leaving us are invited. For those pre-schoolers not in on a Friday, we ask parents to bring them in for 09.15am (Please confirm their availability in advance).

The grand raffle draw will take place before the presentation finishes at 10.30am. Parents may take children home at this point or leave them to complete their normal session if normally in on a Friday. Tickets for the draw have been issued to all parents.

### Stars of the week:

Yellow Group	Oliver
Green Group	Darcie
Blue Group	Ellie-May
Red Group	Joshua
Purple Group	Charlotte & Charlie

## Photos

Last order date for all photos to be received by the end of the term is now 15th July.

## Fees Policy

**Please note that the final payment for ALL fees is 10th July.**  
Please also note that our fees policy has been updated as follows:

### **Late Payment of fees**

*Payment reminders are issued on the newsletter. If a payment is late, the Setting Manager will issue a reminder notice which will set a final payment date 7 days hence after which a late payment fee of £15 will become payable if the account is not settled.*

*If this is not paid within 7 days the full amount owing for the term becomes payable within a further 7 days.*

*If this is not paid, no further paid for sessions may be taken until the account is settled and as a last resort, access to the Free Entitlement funding may be denied where the child's family already owe setting money for services provided outside the Free Entitlement. If this occurs, the setting must inform Northamptonshire Early Years and Child Care Team. If a payment remains outstanding against an account, any other sibling will not be able to attend the setting until full payment of the balance outstanding is received.*

## Committee News

We have received some raffle ticket money back but there is quite a lot outstanding; please can you return them either sold or unsold by Tuesday 11th July to allow us to re-sell them.

We have organised a Band Night on 29th July; see poster below for details. Tickets available next week.

### SILVER CONNEXION



## SATURDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JULY

**8 FOR 8.30PM START  
HELMDON READING ROOMS**

**LIVE BAND MUSIC  
FROM SILVER  
CONNEXION**

MUSIC TRIO - KEYBOARDS, VOCALS & GUITAR  
PLAYING CLASSIC ROCK AND JAZZ. RETURNING  
TO THE READING ROOMS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR

**Bar serving  
Prosecco,  
Wine, Cider  
and Real Ales**

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**Snacks  
Available**

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**£5 a ticket  
(includes one  
free drink)**

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**Fundraising for  
Helmdon Acorns  
Pre-School**

Tickets from: Acorns  
or Lorna Clarke (760502),  
Ros Spence, Gary Wilson,  
John Gray, Lynne McLuckie  
in Helmdon.

Or Lorraine Aust and Kat  
Carter in Brackley

Acorns Charity No. 1035898

## Who's who

Setting Manager—Liz Hart

Deputy Supervisors - Kim Sadler and Susanna Morgan

Senior Practitioners - 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