



Helmdon Acorns Pre-School

Newsletter

Friday 24th November 2017

News from this week

We have enjoyed learning more about space this week; some of the children made a rocket that seated 12 children!

Forest School was very popular on Tuesday when the children learnt how to use bow saws.

We have started practising our Nativity songs. This will take place on Tuesday 19th December at 9:30 (more details to follow). We will not be asking parents to provide a costume but will instead make headaddresses here. If you have any old plain pillowcases to donate for this use, please can you hand them in next week.

Some of the older children are keen to learn how to form their name properly; if you would like to follow this through at home please email in and we can print off a special font for your children showing where to start their individual letters.



Next week...

We will start making some festive crafts in earnest and will be looking at what jobs people do as the dressing up has reflected that this week. If your child would like to bring in an item for us to look at, a leaflet of a place you have visited or a ticket etc would be well received. We talk about items brought in in a small group rather than at registration.

Christmas Dinner

Dolce is providing a Christmas dinner on Wednesday 20th December and we would like to encourage the children to have one. If you don't normally order, this needs to be done online - please speak to Liz if you need a login ID.

Poorly Child?

A reminder that if your children has diarrhoea or vomiting, they must be clear of symptoms for 48 hours before returning. This is on the advice of Public Health England for childcare settings to prevent the spread of viruses.

We have had one reported case of chicken pox this week.

Christmas Hamper

We will draw a raffle ticket for a Christmas hamper on Tuesday 19th Dec; the list will go up next week asking parents to provide one item.

Santa's Sleigh

On Friday 8th December, Santa's Sleigh will be doing his rounds in Helmdon. We are looking for volunteers to help on the night by walking with Santa and collecting donations. If you are able to help please add your name to the sign up sheet on the committee notice board.



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Star of the Fortnight

Yellow Group	Georgia
Green Group	Oliver
Blue Group	Seth
Red Group	Eleanor (to be awarded)
Purple Group	Thalia

Committee News

We would like to take this opportunity to once again thank you all for supporting our annual bonfire night. We have calculated the total raised and can now reveal that this was our best ever year with a staggering £2500 raised. We are looking to spend this on some new storage for Forest Schools, a set of balance bikes and some new toys to include a castle, a rocket and an outside workbench. The remainder of the funds will be put towards an Interactive Whiteboard to further enhance the teaching and learning environment. This can be used to play interactive games, improve ICT skills, assist with writing and show the children video clips, for example. These are very exciting opportunities that have only be made possible by the fantastic fireworks night.

The committee are looking for new members to join us at the AGM meeting that takes place on **Tuesday 16th January 2018**. This is a great opportunity to be part of shaping Acorns and helping with fundraising events. If you would like any more information please speak to Liz or a member of the committee.

Dates for your Diary

08.12.17: Santa's Sleigh

19.12.17: Nativity Show, 9:30am (more details to follow)

20.12.17: Last day of term. Special Forest Schools and Christmas Lunch.

Reminder

If you need to contact us to discuss your child please do so either by phoning on 01295 768327 or emailing enquiries@helmdonacorns.org.uk. Facebook is not the most reliable method of contact during session hours as it is not checked regularly.

Acorns Team

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