



Helmdon Acorns Pre-School Newsletter

Friday 18th December 2017

News from this week

In Forest School the children made their own version of "Stick Man".

The children have enjoyed decorating the Christmas tree and making seasonal crafts. We had great fun with learning how to fill a syringe and then squirting the water on an "iceberg" to reveal some polar animals!

We have some children who are very keen to sing the Christmas songs; hopefully they won't be too shy on the 19th!



Arrangements for the end of term

Monday 11th December: We will be visiting Helmdon Primary School for the dress rehearsal of their nativity. The children always enjoy this chance to see the Reception children who were at Acorns last year.

Monday 18th December: Children from Helmdon Primary School choir visit us in the morning for a short performance

Tuesday 19th December: Nativity—9:30am performance: a letter has been sent out regarding the Nativity and visit from Father Christmas. Please ensure you return it to us if you have not done so.

Wednesday 20th December: Forest School session and Christmas Dinner. Afternoon session finishes as normal at 3:30pm

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 - all parents with children in on a Wednesday should have received a reactivation email if necessary - please speak to Liz if you have not seen this email.

If your child normally goes home at 12 noon on Wednesdays, please let Liz know if you would like them to stay for lunch.

Lending Library

Please feel free to sign out a book from the purple box in the cloakroom.

Hats and mittens

Please ensure that these are all **named** and note that mittens are much easier for everybody than gloves!

Your child should keep them in their tray for easy access during the session.



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September 2018

If you would like to enrol a child from September 2018 please ask Liz for an application form so that we can ensure you are able to receive your preferred sessions. Note that funding is available for some children aged 2 and all children aged 3 and 4 the term after their birthday. Please look at the NCC website for more information:

<http://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/early-years/Pages/free-childcare.aspx>

Committee News

We are still seeking adult volunteers to collect for tonight's sleigh this Friday 8th December 6-7:30pm in the village—meet at the top of Station Road. This is great fun and a good fundraiser; please let Liz know if you are available, even if just for part of the evening.

We welcome Rupert's dad Mike Ludwig on to the Committee!

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 9:30am

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

04.01.18: (Thursday) First
day of Spring Term 1

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.

Acorns Team

Setting Manager: Liz Hart

Deputy Supervisors: Kim Sadler &
Susanna Morgan

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