



Helmdon Acorns

Newsletter

Friday 12th January 2018

News from this week

A warm welcome back to Acorns in 2018. We are delighted to have a new Acorn, Walter start with us.

We have been very busy with construction this week, using Duplo and giant Lego blocks to create all kinds of things. We enjoyed pouring and using syringes to investigate volumes of coloured water. The children helped Sue make play dough and the pre-schoolers have started their dough gym disco sessions to help with their motor skills in preparation for more pencil work when they start school. Outside we used chalk to trace around other children and adults and compared the results and used clay in our Forest School session. The stories of Stickman and Supertato were very popular.



School Applications Deadline

Parents of children who have their 4th birthday between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018 need to apply for their school place for September 2018 by Monday 15th January 2018 at 5pm. Parents need to register online at www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions and will then get an email with a link which they will need to go through to make their application. Parents must press submit on completing their application and if they do go back into their application after that at any time up to the closing date, they must ensure they submit again.

Any problems concerning an application? Call 0300 126 1000 or email admissions@northamptonshire.gov.uk

Thank you to ...

A thank you to Astrid for her great work on Friday morning freshening up the paintwork in the cloak-room... It looks really great.

We have purchased new outdoor storage for the Forest School equipment which will in turn release some space inside to allow us to organise our resources more effectively. Thanks to Ryan for volunteering to assemble it when it arrives and Astrid for sorting out the slabs for the base.

Next week...

We will be doing some potato printing, looking at healthy eating and setting up a Puppet Theatre. The pre schoolers will continue with their dough gym disco whilst the younger children have music and lummi stick sessions.



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Star of the Fortnight

Yellow Group	Alex
Green Group	Lucia
Blue Group	Rupert
Red Group	Eleanor
Purple Group	Phoebe

Committee News

The Christmas raffle raised £75 which was used to buy some great dressing up costumes including pirates, dinosaur (see photo!) and unicorns. We have also received £170 as our share of the Santa Sleigh Round Table collection around the village in December.

This term is going to be a busy one

The AGM is this coming Tuesday at 7:30pm with a Committee Meeting the following Tuesday ... Details are up in the cloakroom. All are welcome.

Our first fundraiser of the year sees the return of our very popular **Food for Thought Quiz** on Saturday 3rd March. Tickets are on sale now and limited to 80 so best to buy as soon as possible.

Chairperson: Lorna Clarke, **Vice Chairperson:** Sammie Vale

Secretary: Kat Carter, **Treasurer:** John Gray

Committee: Lynne McLuckie, Lorraine Aust, Astrid Hernandez, Judy Wise

Dates for your Diary

16.01.18: AGM 7:30PM

23.01.18: Committee Meeting
7:30PM

03.03.18: Food for Thought Quiz

Reminder

Please ensure that children have named hat and mittens at the setting. Please note that mittens are much easier for everybody than gloves! Your child should keep them in their tray for easy access during the session.



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