



Helmdon Acorns

Newsletter

Friday 19th January 2018

News from this week

Another busy week this week. Highlights included water play, mark making in coloured sand, rainbow painting and rainbow paint effects. We enjoyed following instructions to build lego duplo models and then designed our own. The older children are really exercising their hands and fingers hard in the **dough gym** sessions; if you have some play dough at home, they will probably be able to show you their moves!

Popular stories included the Gruffalo's Child and Splat the Cat.

Sessions from Sept 2018

We are now accepting registrations for September, please ask for a form if you have a child who you would like to start at any point before May 2019.

Children currently at the setting will shortly be receiving a form requesting your requirements for next year.

Thank you to ...

A thank you to Ryan for making such a good job constructing our new Forest School storage unit.



Next week...

We will be doing construction with different materials and looking further at healthy eating with the Hungry Caterpillar Story and extending the Puppet Theatre.

The pre schoolers will continue with their dough gym disco until half term. Forest School will focus on magic potions and fairies.



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Food for Thought Quiz

Don't forget that tickets are now on sale for the popular Quiz Night— they are £4 each and available from committee and staff.

Committee News

The AGM on Tuesday saw some new recruits to the Committee; we welcomed Sophie Lander-Ritchie, Mike Ludwig, Katie Sleath and Theresa Harvey. We said goodbye to Lorna as Chair (although she is remaining on the Committee as a general member) and Lorraine Aust. Kat Carter is our new Chairperson assisted by Sammie Vale as Vice Chair. John Gray remains Treasurer whilst Katie Sleath takes over from Kat as Secretary.

The meeting reviewed the Manager's report from last year, highlighting the various activities the children had undertaken and how we eased transition for new starters and those leaving us. We also reviewed the management structures which had been revised in November 2016 when Kerri Seymour resigned. The finances from last year were also reviewed, the fundraising account made over £3000 and there was also a small surplus from the general account. Lorna was presented with wine and flowers as a thank you for all her hard work as Chair.

A meeting regarding the Quiz Night followed the AGM. Next Tuesday is the first meeting of the new committee ... 7:30pm at Acorns.

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

Dates for your Diary

23.01.18: Committee Meeting
7:30PM

09.02.18: Last day of term 3

18.02.18: First day of term 4

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

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