



Helmdon Acorns

Newsletter

Monday 27th February 2018

News from last week

The children really enjoyed accessing our tool bench and it was great to see them trying really hard to share their favourite tools.

We talked about the Chinese New Year, as it is the year of the dog we had a Golden Retriever puppy Dougal come to visit. He was very well behaved and the children were keen to share stories of their own pets.

On Friday we enjoyed noodles and oriental snacks using chopsticks; it was obvious that some of the children had used them at home before as they were very competent!



Looking forward

We are extending the learning regarding tubes and construction with a focused activity using real plumbing pipes and connectors.

We will talk about St David's Day, learning some phrases in different languages and there will be a focus on enjoying books together on Thursday in celebration of World Book Day.

Next week we have provisionally booked a visit from a police car and policeman for Wednesday 7th March.

On Monday 26th March we will be repeating last year's trip to Manor Farm to hopefully witness first-hand lambs being born. Full details to follow next week but if your child is not usually in on a Monday morning, parents are welcome to accompany us on the coach with their child.

Parent Consultations

Our next consultation evening takes place next Thursday 8th March from 4 -6 pm.

This is a chance for all parents to have a 10 minute discussion with your child's key worker and discuss their next steps. Your child's development in the 7 areas of learning in the EYFS was tracked at half term based on general observations on Tapesstry, the key worker's knowledge of your child and a detailed handwritten observation which you will also have seen on Tapesstry. In addition a written report has been collated for children staying at the setting next year (those leaving in July 2018 will receive a report in late June).

Ofsted Inspection

Thank you for your supportive comments regarding Monday's Ofsted inspection. The Inspector spoke to six parents and their comments formed part of her assessment. We will be able to share her findings once we are in receipt of the report.



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Committee News

We are busy making the final preparations for our Food for Thought Quiz on Saturday 3rd March. If you'd like to come but haven't yet bought your tickets then we have a small number left that can be bought from Acorns or Lorna Clarke/Kat Carter at school. If you've reserved tickets but not yet paid then you will need to do so this week at Acorns prior to the quiz on Saturday.

On Thursday 8th March, Helmdon Acorns and Friends of Helmdon School are hosting a children's food quiz in aid of The Little Princess Trust. This will run from after school until approximately 4:15pm and will include a sweet stall and a raffle. Tickets can be bought from Lorna Clarke and Sophie.

This is a polite reminder to use the path rather than the flower bed when walking in and out of Acorns. The flower beds have recently been dug over and are so beautifully maintained by our gardening group that we'd like to keep them looking tidy.

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

Sat 3rd March - Food Quiz
@7:30pm in Reading Room,
Helmdon

Thurs 8th March—aren't Consultation Evening w/c 5th March—parents

Mon 26th March—trip to Manor Farm

Thursday 29th March—last day of term 4



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