



Helmdon Acorns

Newsletter

Monday 19th March 2018

News from last week

For a while it seemed as though spring had arrived; the lambs appeared in the adjacent field and the children enjoyed spring cleaning the ride-ons and the pirate ship with sponges and warm water.

We had a couple of cookery sessions which we are hoping to repeat and made some birds' nests which were put outside for the birds to use to make their own nests.

Thank you to Caroline Rushton for popping in to take a photo of us to celebrate the Ofsted inspection result.



Looking forward ...

Due to the Farm trip next Monday, Forest School will move to Tuesday for the last week of term (27th March). Please note that we close for the holiday on THURSDAY 29th March and we re-open after Easter on TUESDAY 17th APRIL. We will be practising our fine motor skills this cutting up playdough and painting kites for our Spring display. There will be some Easter crafting activities and we will bake some Hot Cross Buns.

After Easter the weather will hopefully be warming up so please can you collect hats and gloves and replace with a sunhat. Children staying all day should be provided with a named sun cream as well. Parents should apply cream as necessary prior to the morning session and we will re-apply after lunch. Suitable summer shoes are "Doodles" or closed toe sandals; we discourage flip flops and crocs.

Parent Consultations

Our consultation evening has been re-scheduled to take place on Thursday 22nd 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 Tapestry, the key worker's knowledge of your child and a detailed hand-written observation which you will also have seen on Tapestry.

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). Please note that the reports will be a little out of date as the children develop so quickly!

Show and Tell

We would like to encourage the children to bring in items of interest that they wish to show us as and when there is something special to report. (for example a trip to London). Items should be placed in the blue box and collected after the session. Please can you discourage your child from bringing in everyday toys from home and leaving them in their trays as the toys often are confused with our toys and can lead to sharing issues.



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Committee News

Our next Gardening morning is Wednesday 28th March; many hands make light work so we would love to see you.

All are welcome to attend the Committee meeting on Tuesday 27th March at 7:30pm.

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, Lorna Clarke

Dates for your Diary

Thurs 22nd March 4-6pm –
Parents' Consultation Evening
(rescheduled)

Mon 26th March – trip to Manor
Farm

Tuesday 27th March - FOREST
SCHOOL (moved from Monday)

Tuesday 27th March – Acorns
Committee Meeting @ 7:30pm

Thursday 29th March – last day
of term 4

TUESDAY 17th April – first day
of term 5



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,
Fiona Kirkham