



# Helmdon Acorns

## Newsletter

Tuesday 8th May 2018

### Last week

Several children picked out life cycle books as interesting so we have built upon that for next week. Children enjoyed looking for mini beasts in the garden.

We did lots of construction work with various media and had a couple of "group painting" sessions which went down well.

The pre-schoolers are picking up speed when getting changed for PE, please try to encourage their independence by getting them to put on shoes and do up buttons themselves.

Several children are really enjoying the gardening sessions—we have now planted onions, carrots potatoes and beans and will soon be receiving baby courgettes and cucumbers from Liz's greenhouse.



### Moving Up to School

We have arranged for the photographer to come in on Monday 4th June to leave a leavers' photograph plus a picture of all Acorns children. All children not usually in on a Monday are invited to attend at 9:00 for the photos.

**Please ensure those starting school in September have a PE kit in the setting as previously requested.**

### Looking forward ...

We are looking at life cycles of spiders and ladybirds and cooling off by painting an iceberg..

Role play is schools (to practise getting dressed).

Forest School this week will be creating a natural obstacle course.

### Please note....

We would advise parents to check children's hair regularly for lice and nits (the eggs). More information can be found on the NHS website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/heads-lice-and-nits/>

Don't forget to leave suncream at Acorns for children staying all day.

All children to have a sun hat and cream applied if necessary.



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## Committee News

The next committee meeting will take tonight, Tuesday 8th May, 7.30pm at Helmdon Acorns. All are welcome to attend and we look forward to seeing you there.

We are looking for some more volunteers to help us keep the front garden at Acorns looking lovely through the spring and summer months. The next gardening and cake morning is planned for Wednesday 9th May after drop off and will be fortnightly from then on. We would love to see some new faces and if you want any more info then please speak to a member of the Committee.

**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

## Community News

There is a baby and toddler group that is held at Helmdon Church on a Thursday morning from 10am til 12pm. This will start again weekly from Thursday 3rd May. It's run by a lovely group of ladies from the Village and there are lots of toys play with and crafts for the children to get involved with. It's a £1 donation and there is tea and coffee with snacks and biscuits for all.

## 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

## Diary Dates

Wed 9th May— Photographer Caroline Rushton here. Please speak to a member of staff if your child does not attend either day and you wish to book an appoint. Note that there will be a Leavers' group photo taken on Tuesday morning— please see Liz if your child does not attend on this day.

Thursday 10th May—FOREST SCHOOL session (and every remaining Thursday this term)

Friday 25th May—last day of term

Monday 4th June—first day of term, group photography

Tuesday 12th June—9:30am—Acorns Sports Day

Tuesday 3rd July—Stay and Play for new children starting in September 2018

Tuesday 10th July - visit to Helmdon Primary to see the summer production

Wednesday 11th July—Leavers' trip— Acorns open for other children

Friday 20th July—last day of term—leavers' presentation— details will follow