



# Helmdon Acorns

## Newsletter

Monday 14th May 2018

### Last week

We enjoyed a bug hunt around the garden and looked at the life cycles of bugs and spiders. Our iceberg painting session was popular too. We had some very rhythmic sessions with musical instruments and did lots of action songs to music.

Forest School featured a natural obstacle course and a feely bag and on Friday we did a science experiment which looked at the properties of different liquids when mixed together.



This week we are learning about weddings and celebrations .... If you have any items such as wedding magazines or photos we could use as props ,they would be most appreciated. We will be writing invitations and looking at outfits people wear. On Friday children are invited to bring in party clothes or a special occasion outfit and we will dress up and have a small procession. Thank you for the offers of help so far received.

For PE we will be starting to practise our Sports Day races ready for next month.

### Group Photos

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.

### Polite reminder

Please note that if your child suffers from vomiting or diarrhoea, they must be free of symptoms for 48 hours before they return to Acorns. This is to prevent the risk of viruses being transmitted to other children and staff and is in line with the policy of Public Health England.

### Polite request..

It would be helpful if parents could give any treats and snacks to children at the end of their sessions outside the building or in the car. This will keep our cloakroom floor free of food and avoid upset to other children.

Many thanks for your cooperation.



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## Committee News

The committee meeting went well; we are now looking at making some improvements to the outside grassy area to complement the hard work undertaken by the staff in the planting garden. We have formed a sub-committee to ensure we are compliant with the new General Protection Data Regulations (GDPR) which come into force later this month. We are looking for some help to keep the front garden at Acorns looking lovely—the next gardening and cake morning is on Wednesday 23rd May after drop off and will be fortnightly from then on. We would love to see some new faces .. 😊

**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

Thursday 17th May—FOREST SCHOOL session (and every remaining Thursday this term)

### FOREST SCHOOL REMINDER

Please remember to provide long sleeves and long trousers for Forest School—in hot weather these must be worn into Acorns and shorts etc can be brought in separately

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