



Helmdon Acorns

Newsletter

Monday 9th July 2018

Activities

This week we will be heading down to Helmdon School on Tuesday morning to watch their summer production of "Oliver". On Wednesday the younger children will remain at Acorns with Liz, Gina and Becca whilst Sue, Kim, Victoria and Fiona take eleven pre-schoolers to Stanwick Lakes for the day.

We are looking at shapes, colours and incorporating as much water play as possible into our day to keep cool. We are also having quieter sessions in the afternoons as the children are more tired than usual and enjoying more stories and craft activities then.



Acorns Bear has almost completed his exhausting schedule of visiting the new schools and homes of our older children and is looking forward to his summer break before he starts his visits again!



Meeting new faces

We were delighted to meet the parents and children starting in September at our Stay and Play session last week. The other Acorns children at the session all engaged well with the new children and at the end of the session we had some Tumble Tots songs with which the children joined in with, before we sang them the Acorns Goodbye song.

This week we also have Freya with us on a Year 10 work placement. The children are already responding very positively to a new face!

Tapestry observations

There will be fewer observations than usual over the next two weeks as we prepare for the end of term.

Friday 20th July— Leavers' Presentation

There will be a Leavers' Presentation at 9.30am to which the **parents and relatives of all children leaving us this term are invited**. For those pre-schoolers not in on a Friday, we ask parents to bring them in for 9.20am (Please confirm their availability in advance to Liz). Parents may take children home after the presentation (approximately 10.00am) or leave them to complete their normal session if normally in on a Friday.



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Committee News

At our committee meeting last Tuesday (well attended despite the football!) we discussed looking for volunteers for a DIY/maintenance session early in the holidays; in order for us to gauge the best day, Kat has set up a "doodle" invite page where you can sign up your availability; please can you visit

<https://doodle.com/poll/z479y3t8fgir79k2> and enter the information. All help gratefully received—there is no requirement to be a committee member!

In September we will be losing some long standing Committee members so we will be looking for new recruits

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

Acorns Team

Setting Manager: Liz Hart

Deputy Supervisors: Kim Sadler & Susanna Morgan

Practitioners: Victoria Webster, Gina Rayner, Emma Houghton, Rebecca Fletcher

Bank Staff: Fiona Kirkham

Diary Dates

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

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

Wednesday 11th July—Leavers' trip to Stanwick Lakes—(Acorns open for other children)

Thursday 12th July—FOREST SCHOOL -clay bugs

Friday 20th July—last day of term—leavers' presentation—details on the previous page.

Thursday 6th September—first day of autumn term 1