



# Helmdon Acorns

## Newsletter

Monday 16th July 2018

### Activities

We said a sad goodbye to Freya H on Friday who completed a week of work experience here; the children really enjoyed having her at Acorns and she organised her very own activity on Friday which went down very well with us as it was based on animals which captured the children's interest.

On Tuesday we enjoyed "Oliver" at the school and on Wednesday the pre-schoolers had a trip to Stanwick Lakes whilst the younger ones rambles around the village before lunch.

This week we are practising our fine motor skills by writing our name with playdough and looking forward to harvesting our potatoes!



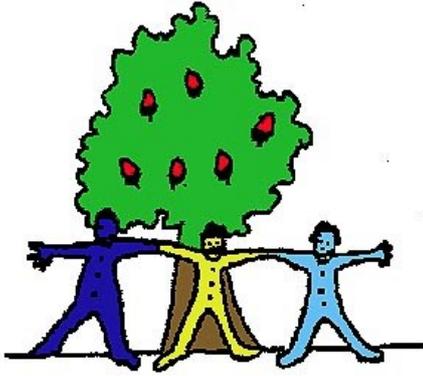
### Extended funding— 30 hours for 3/4 year olds

Please note that any parent wishing to access the extended funding for working parents from September 2018 must provide us with the unique reference number before 31st August 2018 as otherwise we cannot process the additional funding until January 2019. For current children continuing on this funding, please ensure that you have re-applied if necessary by the end date of your eligibility. Any queries, please speak to Liz

### 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.

Please note that we only invite parents of children leaving us to this presentation to avoid the setting getting too busy.



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## Committee News

We are still hoping to organise 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 prior to organising the Bonfire and Fireworks!

Thank you and see you in September

**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

From September we will be welcoming two additional members of staff to Acorns to cover two mornings each. Lorraine Aust and Emma Pegg will be joining our existing staffing team. Both Lorraine and Emma have appropriate Early Years/teaching qualifications.

## Diary Dates

Thursday 19th July—final FOREST SCHOOL session

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

Thursday 6th September—first day of autumn term 1

## WELLIES

Please take your child's wellies home this week and remember to bring them back in September if your child is returning to us (ensuring they still fit!)