



Helmdon Acorns

Newsletter

Monday 17th September 2018

Activities

We have set up a role play garage outside with a tool bench alongside as lots of the children enjoyed playing with the toy garage last week.

Children will have the opportunity to paint a self portrait to complement our "All About Me" display and we will start incorporating the photobooks into our key worker practitioner time to encourage discussions about family life.

The ride on toys are proving very popular; the most sought after vehicles have a sand timer to assist with sharing which is working well.

We are setting up a "chatter group" with some of our children who need a little more support to encourage them to talk in front of their peers; this will be run by Kim.

Liz will be bringing her pet guinea pigs into the setting tomorrow for the children to meet "Conker" and "Bear" and to talk about how we care for animals.



Photobooks

New starters: please can you ensure that photobooks are back in the setting this week to allow us to use them during our activities. Many thanks for those received so far!



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Evie and family on the arrival of baby Hugo. We look forward to meeting him soon!





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Committee News

We held our first fireworks planning meeting last week and we are currently looking for parent volunteers for the **10th and 11th November** to help staff and committee with setting up for the event, for help on the evening as well as help on the Sunday morning to 'clear down'.

As you can appreciate, this is a big event which we hold each year that raises a lot of funds which are then put back into our pre-school for the children's facilities for learning. Any help would be greatly appreciated. There will be a volunteer sheet going up in the cloakroom this week with jobs on so keep an eye out for that.

Chairperson: Kat Carter

Vice Chairperson: Sammie Vale

Secretary: Katie Sleath

Treasurer: John Gray

Committee: Judy Wise, Mike Ludwig,
Sophie Lander-Ritchie, Theresa Harvey



Diary Dates

Forest School will take place every Friday starting from **21st September**. Please ensure that your children is wearing a top sleeved top and trousers or leggings.

The primary school is holding an open morning on Thursday 11th October between 11am and 12 noon for parents of children starting school in September 2019.

Acorns Team

Setting Manager: Liz Hart

Deputy Supervisors: Kim Sadler & Susanna Morgan

Practitioners: Victoria Webster, Gina Rayner, Emma Houghton, Rebecca Fletcher, Lorraine Aust, Emma Pegg

Bank Staff: Fiona Kirkham

Washing: help appreciated

We don't have a washing machine at Acorns so any offers of help to keep the dressing up clothes and bedding clean are much appreciated. There is a sign up list in the cloakroom.

Next Committee Meeting

We will be holding our first committee meeting this Tuesday at the pre-school from 7.30pm, all are welcome to attend and it would be great to see some new faces there.

We so appreciate any support so come along and say Hi!!

