



Helmdon Acorns

Newsletter

Monday 24th September 2018

Activities



We were really impressed with the self portraits the children produced; they studied themselves very carefully in the mirror before creating their work which is displayed on the corridor in the main room.

Outside the role play garage outside with a tool bench alongside is still proving popular whilst we are developing the baby care area of the home corner with some new resources. (This has been paid for from a £150 donation we are receiving from the "Helmdon Hurler" road race which took place last month.)

The children enjoyed meeting the guinea pigs on Tuesday—this week we have set up small world "Animal Hospital" with poorly animals and vehicles to transport them in.



Forest School on Friday was a great success - we hunted for bugs and examined lots of Acorns of different sizes and their seed protectors.



Tapestry

All parents should now be live on Tapestry; please contact Liz or Kim if you have any trouble accessing it—we would love to see more parents comments or uploading their own observations. New parents: please complete the "All About Me" section online.



Staff training

Kim and Lorraine will be completing Level 3 qualification in Paediatric First Aid next Wednesday and Thursday so will not be at Acorns. Their hours will be covered by the other staff.





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Committee News

We held our first Committee Meeting of the new school year on Tuesday evening and it was great to have some new faces come along. Thank you to those who attended and your help and support is very much appreciated. Our next Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th November 7.30pm at Acorns.

We are now well on the way with organising this years biggest fundraiser for Acorns, our Family Fireworks Display. It will be held on Saturday 10th November from 5pm at the Pre-School and we look forward to seeing you all there. Tickets will be available to buy from Acorns and from the School playground in the next few weeks, be sure to be quick as it was a sell out last year!!

We run a BBQ and Bar on the evening with a sweet stall for the children (and adults!!) where you can purchase sweets, popcorn, drinks and glow-sticks.

Please keep an eye out on the board in the foyer for the volunteer list for the 10th and 11th November - there is lots to do to get the event under way and to clear down after so if you can spare even an hour of your time, we would be so very grateful. If you can get involved and want to come along to one of our pub meetings then the next one will be held on Wednesday 3rd October at 7.30pm at The Fat Landlord, Helmdon.

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 takes place every Friday this term. Please ensure that your children is wearing a top sleeved top and trousers or leggings.

Wed 3rd October: Firework planning meeting @7:30pm in the Fat Landlord, Helmdon

Thurs 11th October: Helmdon 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.

Fri 19th October: last day of term 1

Tues 30th October: first day of term 2

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