



# Helmdon Acorns

## Newsletter

Monday 1st October 2018

### Activities

The new baby equipment has proved very popular with lots of baby care role playing and walking with the pushchairs outside.

We made the most of the fine weather, using water filled syringes and jugs to think about capacity and to practise our pouring skills.



"Owl Baby" was a popular story and we have extended our planning to include more about animals, particularly baby animals. We took some autumnal photos of the children to develop our autumn themed collage. The theme at Forest School on Friday was "The Three Little Pigs"; after listening to the story the children had great fun making houses of different natural resources or just taking time to survey their surroundings with a friend...



### Speaker required

Our speaker system has broken— just on the off chance does anyone have one which takes an AUX cable which is surplus to requirements t home before we buy a new one.

### Apples and Pears

Acorns is a registered charity and we set the fees as low as we can to cover costs. If you have any spare groceries such as fresh fruit, rice-cakes etc (maybe bought as a Special Buy One, Get One Free offer) we would be delighted to use them. We also use a lot of wet wipes and tissues! Many thanks in advance.

### Next week

We are hoping to walk up to the church on the afternoon of Friday 12th October to watch Helmdon School's Harvest Festival at 2pm. Please note that we will not be back until shortly before the end of the afternoon session.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Felix and family on the arrival of baby Maxi and also to Betty and family on the birth of baby Fred. We look forward to meeting them both soon!





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## Committee News

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, Avril Servat

Thank you for to those who have volunteered to help with the washing—much appreciated!

## 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