



# Helmdon Acorns

## Newsletter

Monday 8th October 2018

### Activities

Forest School was a very busy session—we did bark rubbings, practised sawing branches and were even lucky enough to see the sheep in the field being herded by the sheepdogs.



We enjoyed lots of outside activities including digging over the digging pit and setting up a dinosaur park and some children recorded on cameras how their peers learn and play for a new display board.

We made crowns in the sticking area and pirate hats to enhance our role playing.

We enjoyed the "Monkey Puzzle Book" and remembered all the characters afterwards.

### This week

We are now looking at the animals under the sea and at fishing, following the children's interests. With the pre-schoolers we are covering the topic of how to keep your private parts private following the strategies on the NSPCC website and the "Let's Talk Pants" video

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/>

There is a good parent pack available to order on their website.

We are talking about friendships, making a "friendship chain" and ensuring the children know what to do if they feel upset by how another child is playing.

We are reading "Rainbow Fish" and looking at lots of animal stories too.

### Next week

We will be adding a construction role play area in the main room including dressing outfits, with the aim of encouraging some children who tend not to dress up, to do so.



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## Fireworks!

Tickets for the Bonfire and Fireworks now available from Acorns—it is advisable to buy in advance as there are unlikely to be tickets left on the gate.

Advance prices: Adults £5, children £3, no charge for children not at school but they **MUST** have a ticket due to a restriction on numbers.

We still need more volunteers for this event—please sign up in the cloakroom on the noticeboard!

**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.**

**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

**Monday 29th October—** ACORNS closed—training day

**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