



Helmdon Acorns

Newsletter

Friday 9th November 2018

Activities

We have been really busy this week at Acorns: we started the week talking about watching the fireworks and made some lovely paintings using pipe cleaners as stamps for Catherine wheels. We learnt about Diwali and decorated our own lanterns with tea lights. In music sessions we used "lummy sticks" to tap the beat of the music and practised the "Jumping Jack".

We talked a little bit about Armistice Day and made some poppy plates.

In Forest Schools we made bird feeders with soft lard to keep the wild life well fed as it is starting to get cold.



Parent consultation information

This year we are able to use those qualified staff who have no key worker children to look after your child(ren) while you discuss your child's development with their key worker. Parents should drop children at the front entrance and then will be directed into the main room via the garden gate; hopefully this will make it easier for parents to engage with the key worker. Please sign up for an appointment.

Decorated Fireworks

We raised over £80 from the donations within the Smarties and have purchased three different sizes of waterproof trousers to hopefully cut down on your washing!

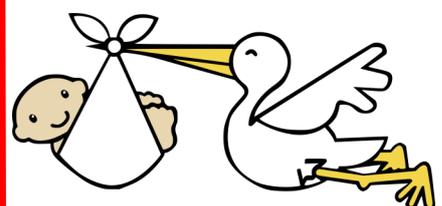
Robert Duncombe came in to judge them and decided that the one Evie made should be the overall winner. Certificates for everyone who made one will be given out next week.

Bug hotel donations

Our bug hotel could do with some more resources to make nooks and crannies for its residents—all contributions of old clay pots, bamboo, straw, moss, woodchips, roofing tiles, old logs and bricks with holes.

Congratulations!

Many congratulations to Oliver and family on the birth of Lexi last weekend!





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Family Fireworks Helmdon Acorns Pre-School

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Family Butcher**



The kitchen is full of hot dog rolls and buns; the guys are reclining in the cloakroom before being hoisted on to the bonfire, the gas BBQ is in the garden, and you may have noticed the modest pile of firewood in the field...



A big thank you to all our sponsors for this weekend. In addition to those listed above, Guenthers bakeries have kindly provided all the burger rolls and hot dogs free of charge. Tickets for the Bonfire and Fireworks have now virtually sold out. There will be NO entry on the gate without a ticket as numbers are restricted for our event licence. We are setting up from 12 noon onwards and if you have any time to give, please just turn up and we will give you a job!

Chairperson: Kat Carter

Vice Chairperson: Sammie Vale

Treasurer: John Gray

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

Next committee meeting Tues 20th November

7.30pm at Acorns, all welcome.

Diary Dates

Forest School takes place every Friday this term.

Saturday 10th November—
Bonfire and Fireworks

Friday 16th November -
opening of the new school running track—Acorns to attend

Friday 16th November—
parents' consultation evening—
4-5:30pm—sign up sheet for appointments is available

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