



Helmdon Acorns

Newsletter

Friday 23rd November 2018

Activities

It was a cold and miserable week outside, so we ensured that there was plenty of physical activity in the main room. There was lots of maths play in the form of games and puzzles and some great number recognition was seen.

The multi coloured ducks on the tuff tray were very popular—sadly one of the pink baby ducks is missing so please can you check pockets in case it was accidentally brought home!

There was a lot of interest in posting letters, so we set up a Post Office role play area. We had postmen and women in abundance delivering parcels and letters around the room and some great pen control.



Colour Wheel

The children have enjoyed painting our very bright colour wheel and colour matching their objects from home on to it. If your child hasn't yet brought anything in, please encourage them to do so this week. Items such as bottle tops, large buttons, tissue paper, old lids, etc are all good ideas.

Arrangements for the end of term nativity

Monday 17th December— Nativity at Acorns— during the morning— details to follow via separate letter this week. Although we are inviting the children to dress up, there is no obligation to wear a costume if your child does not wish to.

Uneven slabs

We have identified several slabs which are unstable on the path; these are being relaid today—please keep off them today to allow them to bed in.





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Committee News

Our committee meeting last week reviewed our finances—we are applying for a grants from the proceeds of the HYHO Summer Ball to provide a replacement for the pirate ship. This will provide an area outside for budding scientists and engineers to design, experiment and problem solve.

We have several new children starting in January 2019.

We are looking for helpers for Santa's Sleigh (see the diary).

Chairperson: Kat Carter

Vice Chairperson: Sammie Vale

Treasurer: John Gray

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

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

Diary Dates

Saturday 1st December—St Mary's Church Christmas Fair —see the poster in the cloakroom for details

Monday 3rd December—Stay and Play session for children starting in the Spring term

Thursday 6th December - we are joining forces with the school to collect donations in the village when Santa's Sleigh comes to Helmdon. We need several volunteers for the early evening—more details to follow

Monday 10th December—visit to Helmdon School to watch the Nativity dress rehearsal

Monday 17th December— Nativity at Acorns— during the morning— details to follow

Tuesday 18th December—No FRESH START lunches available; please provide packed lunch if applicable

Wednesday 19th December— FRESH START Christmas Dinner— it would be great for those at lunch to have a Christmas dinner—please consider ordering. Christmas outfits, jumpers etc will be welcome (raising funds for Crackerjack)