



# Helmdon Acorns

## Newsletter

Friday 30th November 2018

### Activities

We had a range of activities focusing on communication and language last week which the children really enjoyed. The small world railroad track was also popular.



The craft corner was busy as we began to focus on some festive crafts and we also have started to sing our Nativity songs, which you may have heard at home already!

We made mud pies and Forest crowns at Forest School; thank you to those who brought in extras for the bug hotel—it is much more cosy for the insects than before!



### Keeping in touch

Parents can contact us in a matter of ways:

During session times we have an open door policy or you may prefer to email or phone us. We pick up messages and emails as often as time allows.

Out of hours please email or leave a message on the answer phone. If you message via our FB page we will respond but not necessarily out of hours and there is an autoreply to this effect.

We would respectfully request all parents to refrain from sending private messages to practitioners regarding their children at Acorns to enable confidentiality to be maintained at all times and to avoid practitioners feeling pressurised to respond out of hours.

### Arrangements for nativity

**Monday 17th December**— Nativity at Acorns—see separate letter issued last 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.



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## Committee News

The committee will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 15th January 2019 from 7.30pm at the pre-school. At this meeting committee members stand down from their current roles and then hopefully put themselves back on to the committee for another year. We would love to welcome some new parents to join us in helping making the pre-school a wonderful place for your children to attend and learn and enjoy.

Without the committee then the pre-school cannot operate and we need a certain percentage of parents to help. We hold one meeting per term and run various fundraising events to raise money for equipment for your children to enjoy and we have a lot of fun organising them all.

Please either speak to Kat, Liz, Sammie or Avril and we'll be more than happy to give you any info that you need.

**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

**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 from 6pm—it's good fun and a festive hat is obligatory! — please help if you can as we receive 50% of the donations if we co-collect!



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

**Monday 17th December**— Nativity at Acorns— during the morning— separate letter issued last week

**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. Last orders Tuesday 10th December.

Christmas outfits, jumpers etc will be welcome (raising funds for Crackerjack)