



Helmdon Acorns

Newsletter

Monday 10th December 2018

Activities

The children have really enjoyed the various festive craft activities and role playing the Nativity scene. We made some pine cone decorations at Forest School too. There have been some great moves accompanying our singing and dancing sessions and the children are looking forward to their Nativity next week.



We visited Helmdon Primary School to see their Nativity too; it was lovely to see the "leavers" from Acorns last year singing and dancing in their performance.

Communication

Many thanks to all those who have completed the questionnaire we sent out at the parent consultation. It was great to see many comments regarding the strong relationship your child has with their key person.

We have discussed how we can improve the feedback we give you on a daily basis; we are committed to trying to ensure you get the chance to see your child's key person as much as possible at pick up time. This isn't always possible and some afternoons in particular are very busy but we will do our best.

If you need to convey detailed information in the morning, please let the practitioner on the door know and they will call another practitioner out into the cloakroom. The person on the door can take brief messages but is also responsible to ensuring the children enter safely.

Many thanks for your understanding.

Christmas Fancy Dress Day
Supporting Children with Disabilities

Helmdon Acorns Pre-school
Are holding a Christmas Fancy Dress Day on

Wednesday 19th December

Please help Crackerjacks Children's Trust by donating £2 per child or use our sponsor forms which includes gift aid.

With your help and support we are able to supply children with the specialist equipment they so desperately need.

Dress up in your best fancy dress outfit or just wear a Santa hat or Christmas Jumper whilst having Fun Fun Fun!!!

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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. 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. There will be information on how we plan activities for the children and what the EYFS actually means. 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



Please consider using "give as you live" to raise money for us when shopping online. Details are on the email sent out this morning; you can sign up here: <https://www.giveasyoulive.com/join/helmdon-playgroup>

We will give regular updates on funds raised and how they have supported the setting.

Diary Dates

Monday 17th December— Nativity at Acorns— parent arrive 9:15 for 9:30 start.

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

Wednesday 19th December— last day of term FRESH START Christmas Dinner—last orders Tuesday 10th December.

CHRISTMAS FANCY DRESS DAY Christmas outfits, jumpers etc will be welcome (raising funds for Crackerjack) - suggested donation £2

Thursday 4th January— first day of term

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