



# Helmdon Acorns

## Newsletter

Monday 17th December 2018

### Activities

We had a very cold but enjoyable Forest School session last week. The children visited the "Acorns grotto" and marvelled at the "snow" which had appeared on the ground before circling round the fire to have hot chocolate and toast marshmallows.



We are sure you will agree that the children sang beautifully this morning, even some of the youngest Acorns tried really hard and there were some great impromptu dance moves too. Father Christmas's arrival was eagerly awaited by the children after the Nativity.

### Fundraising

We keep our fees at low as we can at Acorns—they cover general running costs such as staff salaries, ground rent, utilities and general consumables. We have to fund raise for "big ticket" equipment items; in addition our building is now 9 years old and starting to show signs of wear and tear. We have replaced the flooring in the main areas in the last couple of years and also decorated but it is likely that other items will need attention. If anyone has access at work to "fundmatching" schemes please let us know as we have the Food Quiz planned for the Spring.

In the mean time we have raised £45 from the hamper draw this morning and are off the mark with our new registration to "Give as You Live".

**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!!!

[www.crackerjacks.org.uk](http://www.crackerjacks.org.uk) Tel 0300 124 0122



Please remember to bring a £2 donation on Wednesday for Crackerjack



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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

**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 3rd January— first day of term**

**From Monday 7th January—we welcome our Spring new starters to Acorns**

**Tuesday 15th January— AGM**

## 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