



Helmdon Acorns

Newsletter

Monday 7th January 2019

Welcome back!

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and are well rested ready for the Spring term! Thank you for all the cards and gifts we received for Christmas, it is much appreciated.

We welcome several new children to Acorns this week, two have started this morning and we will see four more new faces tomorrow. Several families are new to Acorns—we welcome you too!

We are looking at hibernating animals this week, making dens for our cuddly toy animals and learning which ones hibernate in the cold months. We are reading "Owl Babies" and "We are going on a Bear Hunt" amongst other stories this week.

Practitioners have been busy trying to ensure more children access the home corner by making it more homely—if you have any plastic table ware, old cookbooks, plastic utensils or empty plastic food containers, they will be gratefully received.



We are introducing a wider variety of music and movement songs to try to encourage some of the children who are not particularly keen on joining in.

Our art corner is looking much better stocked—many thanks for the cartons and boxes received so far, please keep donations coming in!

Crackerjack

Many thanks to all who contributed to "Crackerjack" on the last day of term—we are very pleased to have raised £41 for this very worthwhile charity.

Forest School

Sessions this term are on TUESDAYS. All children need to be wearing leggings or trousers, have a warm coats, hat and mittens please.

Give as You Live...

Please consider using "give as you live" to raise money for us when shopping online. You can sign up here: <https://www.giveasyoulive.com/join/helmdon-playgroup>

Already we have raised just under £15 it may not sound like very much but every little helps!

Invoices

Invoices for this term will be issued by Wednesday—the first fee payment date is 25th January.



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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

Next Committee Meeting: the first meeting after the AGM is on TUESDAY 22nd January at Acorns at 7:30pm.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 15th January— AGM

**Tuesday 22nd January—
Committee meeting**

**Friday 15th February—training
day—ACORNS closed**

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