



# Helmdon Acorns

## Newsletter

Wednesday 24th January 2019

### Activities

We were delighted to receive a photo of Harry and Meghan from Kensington Palace in response to a card we sent for their wedding in the summer (together with an apology for the rather late reply!)

Forest School focussed on lots of games and hide and seek to keep us warm.

We read "Alfie's Feet" and enjoyed painting our feet to make a big collage where we can compare them in terms of shape and size.

The "Barbie" dolls which Liz brought in from home have proven to be very popular with all the children and we will look to extend play opportunities with them.



### Future Newsletters

In order to use our time as effectively as possible, we are going to start issuing newsletters on a monthly basis and use emails and Facebook announcements on an ad hoc basis between publications. We will then seek feedback in our parent questionnaire.

### Procedures during inclement weather

With the weather getting colder and more wintry, please ensure you are aware of our procedures in icy/snowy weather.

We would only close the setting if we consider it too dangerous to expect staff and parents to travel to Helmdon. Decisions are usually taken in collaboration with Helmdon Primary School. Any decision to close is posted on our FACEBOOK page and on the website. If snowy conditions arrive during a session and we are concerned about children and staff being able to get home, we will contact you using the details held on our database so please ensure your advise us of any changes.

During icy weather we endeavour to grit the paths and, if possible, the car park but please note that the path into the primary school from gravel path tends to be closed and the school gate locked so you might need to approach from a different direction if you usually come that way.

On "snow days" we may need help clearing the car park ready to re-open— please are posted on Facebook and all offers of help will be gratefully appreciated.

Full details can be found in policy 8 12 Enclosed Closure on our website.



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## Committee News

We are delighted to welcome Gabi Henderson and Gemma Hull on to the Committee. We held our first meeting this year on Tuesday and there were some great new fundraising ideas discussed.

The next fundraising meeting to discuss the Quiz night is on Wednesday 30th January at 7:30pm in the Fat Landlord Pub, Church Street, Helmdon. The quiz night will be on Saturday 9th March so please save the date!

**Chairperson:** Kat Carter

**Vice Chairperson:** Sammie Vale

**Treasurer:** John Gray

**Committee:** Judy Wise, Mike Ludwig, Sophie Lander-Ritchie, Avril Servat, Gemma Hull, Gabi Henderson

**Next Committee Meeting: Tuesday 19th March at  
Acorns at 7:30pm.**

## Diary Dates

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

**Monday 25th February—first day of term 4**

## Forest School

Sessions are held this term on **TUESDAYS**—please ensure your child is dressed for cold weather: mitts, hats, thick coats and trousers or leggings.

## 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