



Helmdon Acorns

Newsletter

April 2019

Activities

Sadie, Jude, Marianne and Georgina are welcomed this term to Acorns.

We have been re-organising our outside area and preparing to plant up the garden (any spare seedlings gratefully received!).

We talked about St George's Day this week and loved the new design of our "mini assault course". The trampolines are proving very popular with star jumps added to the moves we are seeing!



"Waiting for a bus"

Summer days

All children should have sunscreen applied by their parents /carers before drop off. For children staying all day, we will apply cream after lunch if you have given consent. If you would prefer to supply your own, please ensure it is left at Acorns. Sunhats should be kept in the children's trays. Supportive footwear should be worn as the children twist and turn a lot. Crocs and flipflops are not suitable; "Doodles" or sandals or trainers with Velcro are best as the children can put them on themselves.

Water beakers

Please ensure that your child attends with a named water beaker to ensure that they are able to access a drink at all times.

Preparing for School

Now that we know which schools the leavers will be attending, we have started to plan for their transitions.

In the setting we are encouraging the older children to recognise their name and so will remove the symbol at the front of their registration name. Parents can further support this by pointing out their child's name in labels etc.

Independence when getting changed for PE is really important at school so we would like all children leaving in July to bring in and keep at the setting a PE bag with shorts, T-shirt and trainers or plimsolls inside from **7th May onwards.**

Forest School

Forest School is on **MONDAYS** this term. Please remember that long trousers/leggings and a long sleeved T shirt are required; on hot days these can be sent in separately.

Parent consultation evening: Wed 1st May

We have arranged once more to have additional staff in the cloakroom to cover a crèche whilst you attend your appointment. Please knock on the front door to drop children off and then enter through the garden gate for your appointment.



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Committee News

TONIGHT..... Food and Drink Quiz: 27th April 7.30 for an 8pm start at the Reading Room, Helmdon. Cash Bar, free table nibbles and some great raffle prizes up for grabs on the night. We are limited on space so get your teams sorted and come early to avoid disappointment.

Chairperson: Kat Carter, **Vice Chairperson:** Sammie Vale

Treasurer: John Gray, **Committee:** Judy Wise, Mike Ludwig, Sophie Lander-Ritchie, Avril Servat, Gemma Hull, Gabi Henderson, Colin Whitehead

Next Committee Meeting: Tues. 7th May 7:30pm.

Matched funding

We are always on the lookout for ways of increasing our fundraising totals. If you work for a company which sponsors matched funding and may be able to help, please see Kat.

Diary Dates

**Saturday 27th April—7:30pm—
Annual Acorns Quiz Night**

**Monday 29th April—NO HOT
MEALS AVAILABLE**

**Wed 1st May—Parent Consulta-
tion Evening**

**Monday 6th May— Bank Holiday
- Acorns closed**

**From 7th May—ALL 2019 leav-
ers to have a "PE bag" at
Acorns**

**Friday 24th May—last day of
term**

**Saturday 5th October—Acorns
Harvest Shin-dig at Sulgrave
Manor —save the date!**

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, Kat
Carter