



Helmdon Acorns

Newsletter

May 2019

Activities

The children have recently enjoyed learning about life cycles, particularly the "Very Hungry Caterpillar" book. This week we will be looking at the stages of growth of a runner bean—this will link in with our role play later this week of "farm shop". Tomorrow we will walk up to A W Duncombe and Son at the top of the village (wholesale produce supplier) to choose some produce for our shop. Please ensure your child arrives in footwear suitable for walking on pavements and dry footpaths.



It's amazing what you can find in a tyre!



We have planted up the garden and are enjoying being able to spend more and more time outside. We have moved the mud kitchen to next to our wooden platform to give more room to play.

Preparing for School

The children have enjoyed practising getting changed for PE sessions and on non PE days they are doing a mixture of dough disco sessions to strengthen their hand muscles to aid later with pencil control and other small group sessions requiring good listening. The younger children are doing other age/stage related activities during these times.

Please see the diary for details of the transition sessions with Helmdon Primary; for other schools, parents will be informed individually.

Forest School

A reminder that Forest School rules are that all children should wear long sleeves and trousers/leggings—during hot weather these should be lightweight and your child can bring in a T-shirt and shorts to change into after the session.

Feedback forms

Surveys and feedback forms were distributed at parents' evening—please can you ensure that they are handed back into us by Friday. Extra copies are available if necessary.

Sun hats

Please can you provide a named sun hat for your child to be kept in their drawer.



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Committee News

Thanks to all who supported the Food and Drink Quiz - we will announce the final total raised shortly.

Chairperson: Kat Carter

Vice Chairperson: Sammie Vale

Treasurer: John Gray,

Committee: Judy Wise, Mike Ludwig, Sophie Lander-Ritchie, Gemma Hull, Gabi Henderson, Colin Whitehead

Next Committee Meeting: Tues. 21st May 7:30pm.

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, Tracey Leach

Staffing News: We were sorry to receive Emma Houghton's resignation recently as she has accepted a new nanny role from September 2019. Emma's last working day will be Monday 22nd July. From September Emma's hours will be covered by existing staff.

We welcome Tracey Leach on to our bank staff; Tracey has three children one of whom is at Acorns and is a qualified primary teacher.

Diary Dates

Friday 24th May—last day of term

Tuesday 4th June—first day of term

Tuesday 18th June—first transition to HPS (Helmdon Primary)

Caroline Rushton (photographer) will be taking group and individual photos—no obligation to buy)

Tuesday 25th June—second transition to HPS

Tuesday 2nd July—3rd transition to HPS and "Stay and Play" for new starters at Acorns

Tuesday 9th July—Leavers' Trip—more details to follow

Friday 12th July—Sports Day—more details to follow

Monday 15th July - visit to HPS to watch end of term performance

Wednesday 24th July—Leavers' Assembly—more details to follow

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