



# Helmdon Acorns

## Newsletter

June 2019

### Activities

We have enjoyed experimenting with coloured water, beakers and jugs as we investigate capacity and colour mixing. Practising for Sports Day is going well—the children are looking forward to you watching them (breakfast baps available to purchase—see over-leaf). Recent role play has featured pirates and construction.



Our pre-schooler transition sessions to Helmdon School are going well—the children have met Mrs Last and Mrs Whitehouse and also Mrs Crouch (Headteacher) and Lyla who is the school dog. Acorns Bear has also enjoyed visiting some of the children at home and seeing what they get up to!

### Sports Day: Fri. 12th July

**All Acorns children and parents/families are very welcome to attend.**

**Children who usually attend on a Friday should be dropped off promptly at 9:00 at Acorns.** Please ensure your child arrives suitably dressed to participate in some fun sporting activities (no flip flops or crocs please).

**Parents and children who do not usually attend on a Friday are invited to join us on the school field at 9:15am** (enter via the top gate on Gravel Path please). We will do an assortment of races and aim to be finished by 10:30am.

Please remember that the Acorns car park will be very busy and therefore you may need to park on Station Road (no parking along Hintons Close please.)

### Leavers' Presentation: Wed. 24th July

There will be a Leavers Presentation at 9.30am to which the **parents and relatives of all children leaving us this term are invited.** For those pre-schoolers not in on a Wednesday, we ask parents to bring them in for 9.20am (Please confirm their availability in advance to Liz). Parents may take children home after the presentation (approximately 10.00am) or leave them to complete their normal session.



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## Committee News

As a mini fundraiser we will be selling bacon rolls and hot drinks before Sports Day starts on **Friday 12th July**—these will be available for £3 from the kitchen window accessible via the Forest School gate on the side path down towards the school. Please bring cash as we cannot take card payments!

Thank you for your responses regarding our opening hours—these will be discussed and a discussion made at the meeting on Tuesday 2nd July.

**Chairperson:** Kat Carter

**Vice Chairperson:** Sammie Vale

**Treasurer:** John Gray,

**Committee:** Judy Wise, Mike Ludwig, Sophie Lander-Ritchie, Gemma Hull

**Next Committee Meeting:** Tues. 2nd July at 7:30pm.

## Acorns Team

**Setting Manager:** Liz Hart

**Deputy Supervisors:** Kim Sadler & Susanna Morgan

**Practitioners:** Gina Rayner, Emma Houghton, Rebecca Fletcher, Lorraine Aust, Emma Pegg

**Bank Staff:** Fiona Kirkham, Kat Carter, Tracey Leach

Staff have recently attended a session run by Ellie Collar, who is a trainer and consultant who looks at all aspects of a child's development to support their learning. This was funded by Acorns.

## Polite request

Please ensure that you arrive in plenty of time for picking up your child promptly .If you are unavoidably delayed, please call to make us aware.

## Diary Dates

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

**6pm:** meeting at Helmdon Primary School for new parents

**Tuesday 9th July-** Leavers' Trip— details issued

**Friday 12th July**—Sports Day

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

**Wednesday 24th July**—Leavers' Presentation— starts 9:30am

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

## Car parking

Car parking spaces are at a premium at the moment as we very busy, please consider walking in from Station Road or Church Street and along Gravel Path if you are able to allow parents with young babies to access the spaces more easily.

## Tapestry observations

There will be fewer observations than usual over the next three weeks as we prepare for the end of term.