



Parents' Newsletter - September 2011

Daily routines

We have welcomed lots of new children this term and it would be very helpful if you can ensure that all shoes, clothing, bags and lunchboxes are **named** to help the staff find the items they need. Please can you also ensure that lunchboxes are not too large as we are having trouble fitting them all into the fridge!

With cooler weather on its way, please ensure your child has a coat. Wellies are also a good idea for playing on the wet grass and indoor shoes such as doodles or slippers help keep the floor clean!

Our morning session starts at 9:00 – please let us know if you are running late or if your child will not be attending for any reason.

Limes Farms Orders – please ensure that you order by the previous Wednesday morning at the latest for your order to be processed

Topics

This week and next week the children will be looking at “People who help us” – we are hoping to have some exciting visitors drop in to see us. For w/c 3rd Oct we will be talking about Harvest and then moving on to “Autumn Changes” and “Orange and Black” before the half term.

Staffing

The newly formed Committee of 2011-2 will be meeting soon to progress filling the role of permanent Supervisor; Anne has enjoyed her first two weeks in the role of temporary Supervisor. Sue has already become a valued member of our team and Sally and Julia are also both enjoying working more regular hours with us. Sadly Catherine has decided to leave the setting for family reasons and her hours are being covered internally with Kim, Sarah and Sue all increasing their hours. Kim and Victoria are working hard to complete their Level 2 and 3 qualifications. We also welcomed Melissa to Acorns last Thursday; she is doing a student placement with us this term on a Wednesday and Thursday as part of a course at Oxford and Cherwell Valley College. Melissa lives locally and attended Acorns as a child as did her younger sister. Parent helpers are always made very welcome; please talk to Anne if you are interested or have something specific you would like to show the children.

New Committee

We welcome Jennie Hamilton as Chair, Laura Wilson as Vice Chair and Jen Castle as Secretary. Caroline Dillon continues as Treasurer. Full details of the new Committee will be on the notice board shortly.

Fundraising

Please have a look at the Puffin Book Club catalogue and the Hanging Basket leaflet enclosed as they are a good way for us to raise funds and resources.

With Christmas approaching, please note that you can click through to many of the major internet shopping sites from the following link which gives us a commission on what you buy at no extra cost to you: **buy.at/acorns**

We are hoping to have an Acorns Firework evening – more details to follow. Please let Laura Wilson know if you would like to help organise it!

Diary Dates

Friday 30th September – Harvest Festival at 2pm – we will be walking the children up to the Church for the Harvest Festival which is being attended by the pupils of Helmdon Primary School. Please feel free to walk up with us and attend with your child if s/he does not do the Friday pm session.

Monday 31st October – training day – Acorns is closed.

Many thanks, Helmdon Acorns Staff and Committee