

# Little Acorns News



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## Rated 'GOOD' by Ofsted

### DATES

**07 MAY**  
Bank Holiday

**14-18 MAY**  
Royal Wedding  
Celebrations

**25 MAY**  
Last day of term

**05 JUN**  
New term begins

**14 JUNE**  
Photographer  
Session

**29 JUN**  
The Big Toddle

**23 JUL**  
Last full day of  
term

**24 JUL**  
Leavers Party

### OFSTED REPORT

As you may know, we were recently paid a visit by Ofsted and we are delighted to announce that we were rated '**good**' in all areas. We are so very proud of the hard work our staff put in every day to ensure the children learn and flourish in a positive and fun setting, and this Ofsted result proves that we are succeeding in our mission. We look forward to building on the result to bring even more exciting ways of learning and playing to Little Acorns.

### THE SMARTIE CHALLENGE

Thank you to all families that returned their Smartie tube full of loose change from home. We managed to raise over £100, which will go towards some new play equipment for the children.

Thank you to **Tesco Express, Stukeley Meadows** for donating the Smartie tubes.

### HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

We hope all of the mummies enjoyed receiving their mother's day sunflowers. Please nurture them and we would love to see photos of them when they grow tall, so please post a photo of yours to our Facebook page.

### TAKING ADMISSIONS!

We are now taking admissions for Autumn 2018 and beyond - if your child enjoys their time at Little Acorns then please do spread the word, positive recommendations can go a long way and our morning sessions do get full up.

### DONATIONS REQUIRED

As you know, Little Acorns Pre-School is a charity, which relies heavily on kind donations to keep doing what we do best. If you can help us with any of the following items please bring them in at your child's next session.

- **Age 3-4 jumpers** that your child has grown out of for us to keep handy in case of an evacuation of the building (due to fire etc)
- **Unused strips of wallpaper** for the children to create big art - Please ask friends and family too.
- Our stock of **toy cars, vehicles, trains and train track** is getting very low so if you have any friends or family that have grown out of these toys we will be happy to give them a new home.
- **Tech toys** i.e toys with buttons, lights etc. They do not need to be electronic.

## THE BIG TODDLE FOR BARNADOS!

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June we will be holding our very own Big Toddle event for Barnados. It's the perfect activity to get those little feet outdoors and active, as well as having lots of fun! We will hand out sponsorship forms in the next couple of weeks so you can ask friends and family to sponsor your little one to do a walk around the school field. The money raised will go towards helping the excellent work that the Barnados childrens charity do for young people.

## PHOTOGRAPHER

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June we will have a photographer in to take individual, and group photos of the children. These are available for all Little Acorns children even if they don't usually attend a Thursday session. Look out for a letter home with more information about timings. You will be given proofs of the photos taken that same day so you can choose which prints you would like to order. We hope they will be a keepsake for parents/grandparents/family, especially for relatives of those children starting school in September.

## END OF SUMMER TERM

The last day of term before the summer break is Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July, this session will run as normal. On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July we will be holding a Leavers Party for all children that will be starting school in September. We will provide more information regarding this closer to the time but please note the date in your diary!



Follow the **Little Acorns Pre-school** page to make sure you don't miss out on urgent messages. We often post photos of the exciting and interesting activities we have been getting up to.

## NEW DELIVERY

We will soon be taking delivery of plant and vegetable seedlings that have been kindly donated by The Godmanchester Community Association. The children will take care of these whilst they grow and we hope to harvest the crop at the end of the summer.

## BOOK OF THE WEEK

This week's title is **The Wild Woods** by Simon James and we move on to **Oliver's Wood** by Sue Hendra on 8<sup>th</sup> May. We encourage you to get involved with the books at home too, they have proven to be very popular with the children. If you don't have a copy of the book at home perhaps ask your child to what happens in the story, or if there are any characters that they particularly like.

## CALL FOR NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Little Acorns Pre-School simply would not be able to open if it wasn't for the Committee who together, manage the operation and support the staff that provide excellent day to day care of the children. The number of Committee members has been very low this year and so it is essential we encourage more parents to join ready for the Autumn Term.

### What does the Committee do?

- Meet once every 10 weeks to keep all members up to date with how the Pre-School is functioning
- Arrange fundraising events and activities
- Help secure the future of the Pre-School

Being a member of the Committee doesn't take up a lot of your time but your ideas could be just what it needs to keep the Pre-school thriving.