



Christmas 2020

November 2020

Exciting Times

We have lots of fun activities planned for the coming weeks and are excited to share this special time with the children.

Christmas is always an exciting time for children (and adults!) and we enjoy sharing this time with your children. 2020 has been such a difficult year for everyone, it will be wonderful to celebrate and have a fantastic Christmas.

Already this half term we have had some lovely sessions and activities. Many of our children have enjoyed a walk to the war memorial in town and making beautiful Poppy artwork. They all showed respect observing the 2 minutes silence on Armistice Day and whilst watching the poppy film from CBeebies. We have enjoyed learning about Diwali, celebrated Children in Need Day and have had lots of fun with activities based around our book of the month "Whatever Next".

Mighty Oaks are busy planning a "Mighty Oaks' Got Talent" evening, the children are enjoying playing with the new resources that they had requested, and the different activities set up by the Mighty Oaks team.

COVID Update

The weather has now turned colder, please ensure your child has plenty of warm clothes with them for their sessions. Current Government guidance states settings must be well ventilated. Our doors and windows will be open through the winter months. We are reviewing this regularly and are providing the children with warm snacks and drinks. Pre-School and Mighty Oaks children have the option to spend time outside, so please ensure that they have appropriate (labelled clothing).

Contact Us

Due to the current regulations, we are unable to allow parents into the setting. If you need to contact us, please continue to use our email address info@acornpre-school.co.uk, or call us on 01462 816 281. We will continue to have very brief discussions at the gate, however, if you would like to speak to us confidentially, please call the office and we will be able to arrange a suitable time to speak to you via video or telephone call.



Dates for your Diary

- 14 - 18 December 2020
Christmas jumper week
- 16 December
Christmas Raffle Draw
- 18 December 2020
Christmas party
- 17 December 2020
Acorn end of term
- 18 December 2020
Mighty Oaks end of term
- 5 January 2021
Mighty Oaks return
- 6 January 2021
Acorn return

Contact Details

Have any of your details changed? New address, new telephone number? Let us know and we can update our details and contact you quickly in an emergency.



FUNDRAISING

Many of our fundraising activities have been cancelled due to COVID. You can help us raise much needed funds as you shop. Here is how:

Sign up for [Amazon Smile](#) and nominate us as your charity (Acorn Playgroup Shefford). Whenever you purchase from Amazon, shop using Amazon smile, you pay the same price, and we get a donation from Amazon. If you shop using the Amazon App, sign up for Amazon Smile using your browser, log out of the App then log back in and switch smile on in the settings.

We have created Wish Lists on Amazon containing resources that will benefit children at Acorn & The Mighty Oaks. If you would like to donate a gift to the setting, please follow these links:

[Acorn](#) and [Mighty Oaks](#).



[My Name Tags](#) - Order your name tags for school clothing water bottles and lots more. Use our school code 96891 and My Name Tags make a donation to us.

We have been named [Co-op](#) community partner for the next 12 months. When you shop in our local store make sure you are signed up for the membership card. You will earn rewards and discounts - and so will we as you shop.

[Give As You Live](#) and [Easy Fundraising](#) - Sign up and when you shop on line, if the website subscribes you will see a symbol and any shopping you do will generate a donation to us from the company. Shops include Asda, Argos and Ebay



Christmas Raffle

Our committee are preparing our Christmas Hamper Raffle. We are gathering items to make an adult and a children's hamper, to be raffled in December. We would be incredibly grateful of any donations for these hampers. A list of ideas for donations will be displayed on our board by the gate. We would like to receive donations by Friday 27 November, tickets will be on sale from 1 December and the draw will take place on the 16 December. Thank you for any donations you may be able to make.

Healthy Lunchboxes

If your child stays with us for lunch, please ensure that items in their lunchbox are in line with our PANCO policy. We do not allow crisps or chocolate (including chocolate based spread sandwiches) and please ensure that grapes are cut lengthways. We have a Healthy Lunchboxes leaflet available, ask a member of staff, or see it on our website.

Christmas Jumper Week

We do not want any of our children to miss out on a Christmas Jumper Day, so we have decided to have a Christmas Jumper Week! The last week of term (14 December) we invite all children to wear their favorite Christmas jumper or outfit - the brighter and crazier the better!

Acorn Christmas Party

We will be hosting an Acorn Christmas party on 18 December. Tickets will cost £5 and will go on sale on the 23 November. Numbers will be limited and issued on a first come first serve basis. An email will be sent out later this week with more information.

