



## **The Ark Pre-School** **Chairperson's Report 2019/2020**

What a year it has been!!

\*We have moved out of our old Baptist Church High Street premises and into our wonderful new temporary home in the ground of Wellington College.

\*We had to close due to COVID with some very uncharted territory for EVERYONE

Two major events and, despite these, The Ark has thrived under the care of wonderful management and staff. I never cease to be amazed at the hard work, love and dedication shown by The Ark team.

At the risk of this sounding like an Oscar speech I really wanted to, this year more than any others since I became Chair of The Ark, share my thanks to so many people!

To EVERYONE who helped The Ark to move premise. All the staff and helpers from Church who gave up their own free time to ensure this was a huge success! We could not have done it without all of the help we had.

To Liz for coming in voluntarily, we are all so grateful for you.

To all of the parents who have been so encouraging and supporting through both the move and re-opening after COVID shutdown.

To ALL of the staff and Heather. What a brilliant team! Again, most of you have given up a huge amount of time outside your normal hours during both the move, COVID shut down and then coming back, many coming in and getting the Ark ready during both events, during weekends, half terms and bank holiday. Truly dedicated!

And finally, a colossal THANK YOU to Sarah Webb, our Ark administrator who is leaving us shortly. Sarah is truly a diamond and has been the biggest blessing to both me as Chairperson and to The Ark staff. Her breadth of knowledge on everything "The Ark" is astounding and she will be greatly missed but is still going to be very much involved in the committee which I am delighted about so we're not losing her. Praise the lord!

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Chairperson  
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