



# Newsletter

April/May 2021

The topic for this half term is:

## Transport



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### Welcome Back!

We hope you have had a super Easter holiday!

### Term Dates 2021/22

SUMMER 2021	AUTUMN 2021	SPRING TERM 2022
<b>TERM STARTS:</b> Mon 19th Apr <b>Closed:</b> Mon 3rd May (Bank Holiday) <b>HALF-TERM:</b> 31st May - 4th Jun <b>TERM ENDS:</b> Fri 16th Jul	<b>TERM STARTS:</b> Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Sep <b>HALF-TERM:</b> 25th-29th Oct <b>TERM ENDS:</b> Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec (Early close at midday)	<b>TERM STARTS:</b> Tuesday 4th Jan <b>HALF-TERM:</b> 14th – 18th Feb <b>TERM ENDS:</b> Friday 1st April

### Rhyming words and themes of the week:

Now that we have completed our letters, we are looking at rhyming sounds (Words that rhyme with...):

- w/c 19<sup>th</sup> Apr – **rhyming poems** (Transport Experiences)
- w/c 26<sup>th</sup> Apr – **hat** (Road transport)
- w/c 3<sup>rd</sup> May – **pan** (Rail transport)
- w/c 10<sup>th</sup> May – **hen** (Sea transport)
- w/c 17<sup>th</sup> May – **mug** (Air transport)
- w/c 24<sup>th</sup> May – **tree** (Favourite transport toys)



### 2021-22 Academic Year

Looking ahead to the new academic year, we want to give existing children the option to increase sessions before offers are made to new applications. Therefore, if you would like to increase your child's sessions in September, please email Naomi ([admin@thearkpreschoolcrowthorne.org.uk](mailto:admin@thearkpreschoolcrowthorne.org.uk)). Offers will be made to new starters after half term.

**A reminder that our notice period is half a term, otherwise payment will be due in lieu of notice.**



### New School

This term we will be preparing for the children leaving in the following way:

- Doing lots of work with the children to prepare them for the transition to school,
- Liaising with the schools to share information on the children.
- Holding a transition talk for parents, so you know how best to support your child. Look out for further details on this.
- Showing the children uniform from the local schools.

### Parent Survey

We are issuing our annual parent survey, which is important to gain feedback from parents and carers, as part of our ongoing attempt to keep improving our provision. Please do take part in this survey as the feedback is really valuable. You will be emailed a link directly, or can access the survey here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/QGDHKKJ>.

The deadline for responses is 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

## Ark Checklist – what should I bring?

- Waterproofs in wet weather (preferably coat and trousers) and wellies if it is likely to be muddy
- Sunhat for sunny days
- Change of clothes (named)
- Plastic bag for wet things
- Healthy snack (in a named plastic bag) – crackers, fruit, raisins etc. No nuts please.
- Water in a named bottle
- Nappies, wipes and nappy sacks if your child is in nappies
- Healthy lunch if staying for lunch club
- Indoor shoes/slippers/non slip socks for inside the Lodge



### Summer Weather

In the hope that the summer term will bring sunny weather, please can we remind parents to include a hat and a change of clothes (in the event of clothes getting wet with water play) in their bags. Please also apply sun-cream to your child before dropping them at The Ark.

## Cooking Boxes

When plastic boxes are brought home with cooking please wash and return them. A replacement can be bought for 50p, or you can supply another box if the original is lost.

## Dates for Your Diary (more details to follow)

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Transition Talk on zoom (for parents of school leavers)

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June - South Hill Park trip (for all children, parent help will be needed)

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July - Parent Consultations

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day



## Lunch Clubs

We have a few spaces left at lunch club on Wednesdays this half term. This runs straight after the morning session for one hour from 12.15-1.15pm and the cost is £5. Please contact Naomi if you would like to sign your child up.

## Covid

Just a reminder that no one displaying any symptoms of Covid should come to The Ark, or on to the Wellington site. If someone in your household does display symptoms or has a test for Covid, please do let us know as soon as possible so we can notify the relevant authorities.

## Absence of children

We require a phone call or a letter every day that your child cannot attend preschool. The local authority has asked us to keep this information, so please support us in this. Please phone THE ARK number (07999 550674) if your child is absent that day. If you know in advance of an absence, or if it is for a longer period of time we require a letter please. We reserve the right to contact parents if your child is absent and we have had no contact.

## Parent Representatives

Kristie (George's mum) and Millie (Toby's mum) are our parent representatives on the committee. You are welcome to pass them any feedback or suggestions that they can take to the committee meetings.

## Contact Details

For any general enquiries, email Naomi Page (administrator) at [admin@thearkpreschoolcrowthorne.org.uk](mailto:admin@thearkpreschoolcrowthorne.org.uk) or call on 07827 892397. If you need to speak to a member of staff urgently, or your child cannot attend, call the Ark setting on 07999 550674 between 9.15am – 12.15pm Mon – Fri.