



Newsletter - Jan/ Feb 2017

The theme for this half-term is:



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BOOKS

The Ark Pre-School, Crowthorne Baptist Church, 144 High Street, Crowthorne, Berks, RG45 7AT



Happy Christmas from all at The Ark

We wish you every blessing at this festive time of year, and hope you enjoy the Christmas break.

Term Dates 2017/18



AUTUMN 2016

TERM ENDS: Tues 19th Dec '17
(at 12 noon)

SPRING 2018

TERM STARTS: Weds 3rd Jan '18
HALF-TERM: 12th - 16th Feb '18
TERM ENDS: Weds 28th Mar '18

SUMMER 2018

INSET (Closed): Tues 17th April '18
TERM STARTS: Weds 18th April '18
Closed: Mon 7th May '18 (Bank Holiday)
HALF-TERM: 28th May - 1st June '18
TERM ENDS: Fri 20th July '18

Letters and topics of the week:

w/c 1st Jan - **g** - (Favourite Books)

w/c 8th Jan - **o** - (Three Little Pigs)

w/c 15th Jan - **u** - (We're going on a bear hunt)

w/c 22nd Jan - **q** - (Thomas the Tank Engine)

w/c 29th Jan - **l** - (Elmer the Elephant)

w/c 5th Feb - **f** - (Goldilocks and the 3 Bears)



Primary School Admissions

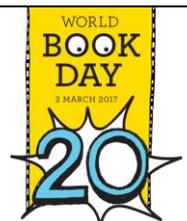
By now, I hope that everyone with a child who will be 4 years old by 31st August 2017 will have applied for primary school for their child, for a start in September 2016. The applications should be made online; if you have had no communication from Bracknell Forest Council to ask you to do this, please contact school admissions without delay on 01344 354144/ 01344 354023. You also need to send a copy of birth certificate and council tax bill (for designated school applications) to School Admissions. The deadline is 15th January 2018. School offers will be sent by email on 16th April 2018.

Parent/ Key-worker Consultations

These will take place in week commencing 15th January. Schedules will go up in the new term for you to sign up to see your child's key-worker.

World Book Day - Thursday 1st March 2018

We will be celebrating World Book Day in March, where children will be invited to come to The Ark dressed up as their favourite book character. Also please bring in your favourite book to share with your friends.



Child Absence

If your child is absent from The Ark for any reason please do call The Ark directly on [07999 550674](tel:07999550674). The Admin phone is not available in mornings so you may get a call from us even if you leave a message on the admin phone. We require a call EVERY DAY your child is absent.



Fundraising

We raised over £50 from the Christmas Cards that the children made. All these funds go directly into purchasing resources for the children. We were also very grateful for the grant given by being one of the Co-op's local community fund for 6 months, which has now ended. We are putting the funds towards exciting projects planned for next year. Thank-you for your support in helping to raise these funds. Watch this space...

Parent Help

From January, the children who leave to go to school in September will start sewing their pencil cases. We would like parent help to allow this to be done, and would be grateful if you could spare half an hour first thing to work with the children. Please speak to Heather if this is something you could help with.



Fun in the Forest

In the year before they leave us for school, we take the older children to Chaucer Woods for Forest Sessions. We try to give every child 2 series of visits, so they can see the seasonal changes. They are taught boundaries, but very much lead the sessions by choosing which natural resources to investigate. Our Forest sessions will not take place in the next half-term, due to the very cold weather during these months, but will resume after the February half-term break.



Changes to sessions attended

Please be reminded that any change to your child's sessions at The Ark requires a minimum of a half-term's notice. If this notice is not given, we reserve the right to charge our normal session fees in lieu of notice.

Dates for your diary:

Christmas services at Crowthorne Baptist:

- Sun 24th Dec - 4pm - Christingle service for all ages - at this service where we will go on 'The Greatest Journey' as we go on a baby hunt.
- Mon 25th Dec - 10.30am - Join us to celebrate Christmas Day for a short service (children can bring presents to show everyone).



Parent/ Key worker consultation week: w/c 15th January

World Book Day: 1st March 2018

Contact details.

For any general enquiries, call Sarah Webb (administrator) on [07827 892397](tel:07827892397).

If you need to speak to a member of staff urgently or calling if your child cannot attend, call the Ark setting on [07999 550674](tel:07999550674) between 9.15am - 12.15pm Mon - Fri.