



Newsletter - Jan/ Feb 2017

The theme for this half-term is:

Tel: 07827 892397 (Enquiries)
07999 550674 (During session)



TOYS

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 2016/17



AUTUMN 2016

TERM ENDS: Tues 20th Dec '16
(at 12 noon)

SPRING 2017

Inset (Closed): Weds 4th Jan '17
TERM STARTS: Thurs 5th Jan '17
HALF-TERM: 13th - 17th Feb '17
TERM ENDS: Fri 31st Mar '17

SUMMER 2017

TERM STARTS: Thurs 20th April '17
Closed: Mon 1st May '17 (Bank Holiday)
HALF-TERM: 29th May - 2nd June '17
Inset (Closed): Mon 5th June '17
TERM ENDS: Thurs 20th July '17

Letters and topics of the week:

w/c 2nd Jan - **o** (*Favourite toys*)

w/c 9th Jan - **u** (*Toys in the past*)

w/c 16th Jan - **q** (*Baby toys*)

w/c 23rd Jan - **l** (*Children's toys*)

w/c 30th Jan - **f** (*Grown up toys*)

w/c 6th Feb - **b** (*How toys work*)

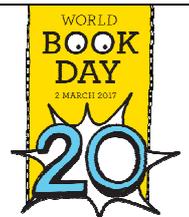


Primary School Admissions

By now, I hope that everyone with a child who will be 4 years old by 31st August 2016 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 with a unique reference number, please contact school admissions without delay on 01344 354144/ 01344 354023. The deadline is 14th January 2017. School offers will be sent by email on 18th April 2017.

World Book Day - 2nd March 2016

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. This is especially important from next term as Sarah will be changing her working hours and will be unavailable to take calls or pass on messages until the afternoons. We require a call EVERY DAY your child is absent.



Fundraising

We raised £70 from the Christmas Cards that the children made, and £50 commission for the photograph orders placed. Thank you very much for supporting the pre-school in this way.

Parent/ Key-worker Consultations

These will take place in week commencing 23rd January. Schedules will go up w/c 16th January for you to sign up to see your child's key-worker.

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.



Fridays in the Forest

Our Forest sessions will not take place in the next half-term due to the very cold weather during these months. We will resume after the February half-term break.



Wanted please

We would very much like a wooden farm set to replace our poor tired one. We would like a full set which is in good condition and safe for the children. If you can offer one please see Heather.



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. If you wish to increase sessions it is useful to have as much notice as possible of your intentions, even if these change closer to the time. We try to give priority to existing children before accepting new applications, but only as long as we know that you want to change sessions.

Dates for your diary:



Christmas services at Crowthorne Baptist:

- Thurs 24th Dec - 4pm - Christingle service for all ages - at this service, children are invited to come dressed as nativity characters.
- Fri 25th Dec - 10.30am - Join us to celebrate Christmas Day for a short service (children can bring presents to show everyone)

Contact details.

For any general enquiries, call Sarah Webb (administrator) on 07827 892397.

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 between 9.15am - 12.15pm Mon - Fri.