



## Newsletter - FEB/ MARCH 2017

The theme for this half-term is:  
**'PEOPLE WHO HELP US'**

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### Term Dates 2016/17



#### SPRING 2017

RE-OPENS: 20<sup>th</sup> Feb '17

TERM ENDS: Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Mar '17

#### SUMMER 2017

TERM STARTS: Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> April '17

Closed: Mon 1<sup>st</sup> May '17 (Bank Holiday)

HALF-TERM: 29<sup>th</sup> May - 2<sup>nd</sup> June '17

Inset (Closed): Mon 5<sup>th</sup> June '17

TERM ENDS: Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> July '17

#### Letters and topics of the week:

w/c 20<sup>th</sup> Feb - **j** (Doctors & Nurses/ Vets)

w/c 27<sup>th</sup> Feb - **z** (Fire Service)

w/c 6<sup>th</sup> March - **w** (Police)

w/c 13<sup>th</sup> March- **v** (The Street)

w/c 20<sup>th</sup> March - **x** (My Family)

w/c 27<sup>th</sup> March - **y** (Easter)

#### Parents we need your help!

We would like to invite any parents in to talk about their jobs to the children. We are especially keen if a parent, relative or friend works in any of the jobs listed in topics above but we would welcome any willing volunteer.

#### Start of Sessions

We are encouraging children to recognise their own names and so will be trialling a scheme where they find their own peg label when they come into The Ark and then choose a peg to place it on. Please can adults help them find their tag and a peg, and then self-register by placing their animal on The Ark in the hall as normal.



#### Stay and Play week - w/c 13<sup>th</sup> March

We will be holding a Stay and Play week in the week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> March. There will be a sign-up sheet after half-term so you can sign up to spend time with your child and us all during an Ark session. There will be an opportunity to look at your child's learning journal with them during this time.

#### Helpers needed

We are once again at the time of year when the older children start sewing their pencil cases to take to their new school with them when they leave us. If anyone can spare a short amount of time to help children with these it would be most helpful. It would be during the first part of the sessions; for more information please speak to Heather or Anna.



### Firestation Visit - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30am

As part of our topic, 'People who help us', we have been invited to Camberley Fire Station. We will meet there at 9.30am and every child will need an adult to accompany them.

All ARK children are welcome to join us. Siblings are also welcome but are responsibility of the adult at all times. As all staff will be on this trip, there will be no-one at The Ark hall so the setting will be closed this day. Once the visit has finished, everyone will go home. A letter with a reply slip is attached to this newsletter - please return asap.



### Sainsbury's Active Kids campaign

Just a reminder that we are collecting vouchers from Sainsbury's again this year. This allows us to purchase resources for The Ark that we may not be able to buy otherwise so your support is valuable. The collection box (when it arrives) will be on the window sill in the cloakroom area, or you can hand them to a member of staff.



### Parent Communication



Whilst we can communicate information to you, we would like to encourage more communication between parents. We have our Parent Reps, Carl (Cali's Dad) and Katherine (Henry's Mum) and they would love to hear any feedback. Please give your email address to Katherine and she can include you on any parent information by email.

We have also set up a Parent Facebook Group. It is a closed group so safe to share information and arrange meet-ups. Please be mindful of sharing photos still as not everyone is happy with this.

Look for: 'Ark Pre-school Parents/ Carers 2016/17'



### World Book Day - 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 their favourite book to share with their friends. Children will receive a voucher during this week to put towards a book.

### Dates for your diary:



- 2<sup>nd</sup> March - World Book Day
- 6<sup>th</sup> March - Trip to Camberley Fire Station. Meet at 9.30am at the Fire Station - see above.
- 20<sup>th</sup> July - Leavers Assembly in the Baptist Church at 11.45am. Further details will follow.

### Contact details.

For any general enquiries, call Sarah Webb (administrator) on 07827 892397 or email [admin@thearkpreschoolcrowthorne.org.uk](mailto:admin@thearkpreschoolcrowthorne.org.uk).

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.