



Newsletter - FEB/ MARCH 2018

The theme for this half-term is:

'ANIMALS/ MINIBEASTS

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Term Dates 2016/17



SPRING 2018

RE-OPENS: 19th 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 19th Feb - b (*Farm Animals*)

w/c 26th Feb - j (*Pets*)

w/c 5th March - z (*Zoo Animals*)

w/c 12th March- w (*Minibeasts*)

w/c 19th March - v (*Easter*)

w/c 26th March - x (*Easter*)



Pets Week - week commencing 26th February

We would like to invite parents/ carers in with family pets to show the children, and talk to them about the care required to look after them. Please talk to Heather about a suitable day/ time to do this during the week.

Collection at the end of sessions

We are aware that the dismissing of children can be quite tight of space and tricky to get in and out of the hall. In order to improve this process we are going to have parents enter from the cloakroom, collecting bags and coats on the way in. Boxes will be in the hall for you and your child to check and take letters/ crafts home. All adults and children will then exit through the fire doors, which will be monitored by a staff member. To help ease congestion please leave all pushchairs in the playground. **This will commence week commencing 19th February.**



Stay and Play week - w/c 12th March

We will be holding a Stay and Play week in the week commencing 12th 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. This also gives an opportunity to look at your child's learning journal with them.

Helpers needed

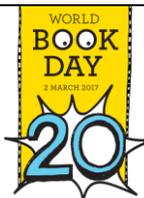
Parents/ carers/ relatives may enjoy coming in to help us for part, or all of a session - we can always keep you busy and you can see your child in their learning environment. A rota is on the hall door so please sign up if you would like to do this. Currently, we are especially looking for help with sewing pencil cases with our school leavers, and assisting with our Forest sessions, both at the woods and for those left behind in the hall. Please speak to Heather or Anna for more information.



Trip to Chaucer Woods - Friday 23rd March at 9.15am

Ark children are welcome to join us for our morning trip to Chaucer Woods. There will be lots of fun outdoor activities planned for the children.

All children who do not attend on Fridays can join us, but will need an adult with them throughout the trip. Younger siblings can join us, but an adult must be responsible for them at all times. We need some additional adult help, especially to walk the Friday children back to The Ark for snack. Please speak to Heather to volunteer. A letter with further details, and reply slip has been issued.



World Book Day - 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. Please bring in their favourite book to with their friends book.

Crowthorne Carnival 2018

This year is Carnival year and it starts on Saturday 7th July with the traditional procession from Wellington College into the High Street, ending at the Morgan Rec. We would like to once again enter the procession, but need to get an idea of numbers. The theme this year is 'Horrible Histories' and we propose to enter as the Vile Victorians. We will shortly give a letter with more details on how everyone can get involved and ask for an indication of how many could join us.



Parent Communication



We send a weekly email to send reminders, but also important information updates. If you do not receive these please firstly check your junk mail box. If needed we can get vital information as hard copy, so please let us know.

Please also look for our Facebook Group: Ark Pre-school Parents/ Carers 2017/18, which is a closed group, allowing parents to share information, or even arrange a group meet-up!

Dates for your diary:



- 1st March - World Book Day
- 12th March - Stay & Play week
- 23rd March - Trip to Chaucer Woods. Meet at the woods at 9.15am. Everyone is welcome.
- 22nd June - Sports Day and family picnic at Morgan Rec.
- 7th July - Crowthorne Carnival procession
- 12th July - Summer Trip to South Hill Park (tbc)
- 20th July - AGM and Leavers' Assembly in the Baptist Church. Further details will follow.
- 8th September - 20th Birthday celebration. Help The Ark celebrate 20 years with an afternoon tea. We are hoping to host children who attended in the last 2 decades so **please spread the word**.

Contact details.

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