



Newsletter - JANUARY/ FEBRUARY 2020

The theme for this half-term is:

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BOOKS

The Ark Pre-School, c/o Wellington College, Dukes Ride, Crowthorne, RG45 7PU

TERM DATES 2019/ 20



SPRING 2020

Inset (Closed): 6th Jan '20
TERM STARTS: 7th Jan '20
HALF-TERM: 17th - 21st Feb '20
TERM ENDS: 3rd April '20

SUMMER 2020

Inset (Closed): 21st April '20
TERM STARTS: 22nd April '20
MAY BANK HOLIDAY: FRI 8TH MAY
HALF-TERM: 25th - 29th May '20
TERM ENDS: 17th July '20

AUTUMN 2020

TERM STARTS: Thurs 3rd Sept '20
HALF-TERM: 26th - 30th Oct '20
TERM ENDS: Fri 18th December '20

Our 20/21 Term Dates are on our website: <http://thearkpreschoolcrowthorne.org.uk/term-dates.html>

Letters and topics of the week:

w/c 6th Jan - **g** (favourite books)
w/c 13th Jan - **o** (Three Little Pigs)
w/c 20th Jan - **u** (We're Going on a Bear Hunt)

w/c 27th Jan - **q** (Thomas the Tank Engine)
w/c 3rd Feb - **l** (Elmer the Elephant)
w/c 10th Feb - **f** (Goldilocks and the Three Bears)

WORLD
BOOK
DAY



World Book Day - Thursday 5th March 2020

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.

Parent/ Keyworker Consultation week - w/c 20th January

These give an opportunity to discuss the progress your child has made at The Ark during the Autumn term, and to talk about their 'Next Steps'. They will take place in week commencing 20th January. Schedules will be up for you to sign up to see your child's key-worker.

Primary School Admissions

By now, I hope that everyone with a child who will be 4 years old by 31st August 2020 will have applied for primary school for their child, for a start in September 2020. 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 2020**. School offers will be sent by email on 16th April 2020.





Clothing

We will be spending a large proportion of the session outside in our new setting at Wellington. Therefore, please ensure that children wear older, warm clothing with warm socks and wellington boots. We will play outside for the first hour and go for woodland walks, so please also bring them ready to play in their hats and gloves. They also need to ensure that they have indoor shoes in their bags to change into once we head into the Lodge. Their **named** bag should have spare clothes in case of wet/ messy play/ accidents.

St Brendan's Care Home Visit

Our next visit to St Brendan's Care Home will be on Friday 14th February, with a Valentine theme. We will need additional adults to help us walk the children to St Brendan's from our Lodge. Please speak to a member of staff, or email Sarah if you are able to help.



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.

Child Absence

If your child is absent from The Ark for any reason please do call The Ark directly on 07999 550674. 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.

Changes to sessions attended

Please be reminded that any change to your child's sessions at The Ark requires at least half a term's notice. If notice is not given, we reserve the right to charge our normal session fees in lieu of notice. If you plan to increase the sessions attended by your child for the summer term, please tell Sarah as soon as possible. You will need to complete a change of sessions form - available on the website - [click here](#).

Collection at the new site

Please try and let us know if a different person will be collecting so we can advise the Wellington Security. They will still let you over to us, but makes the process much quicker and easier. You will need to call the site number for this: 07999 550674 as Sarah is not always available for calls during sessions.

Contact Details

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.

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

Email: admin@thearkpreschoolcrowthorne.org.uk