



# End of Year Newsletter - JULY 2019

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## Farewell

We wish all children leaving us a very happy new adventure, whether that is at big school, or new pre-school or nursery. We are always sad to see children go but we know there is lots more learning fun ahead of you. Thanks to ALL parents for all the support you have given to us, and your children through this last year.

**We close for the summer at 12.15pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July.**

**We re-open on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 9.15am.**



## TERM DATES 2019/ 20

### AUTUMN 2019

**Insets (Closed):** 2<sup>nd</sup>/ 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept '19

**TERM STARTS:** Weds 4<sup>th</sup> Sept '19

**HALF-TERM:** 28<sup>th</sup> Oct - 1<sup>st</sup> Nov '19

**TERM ENDS:** 19<sup>th</sup> Dec '19

### SPRING 2020

**Insets (Closed):** 6<sup>th</sup> Jan '20

**TERM STARTS:** 7<sup>th</sup> Jan '20

**HALF-TERM:** 17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> Feb '20

**TERM ENDS:** 3<sup>rd</sup> April '20

### SUMMER 2020

**Insets (Closed):** 21<sup>st</sup> April '20

**TERM STARTS:** 22<sup>nd</sup> April '20

**HALF-TERM:** 25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> May '20

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

## Fundraising/ Support for The Ark

Thank-you so much for all your support throughout this academic year. We really appreciate all the parental help that you have given both in The Ark and accompanying the children on outings.



The children did a great job running their 'marathon'. Please bring all sponsorship money in before the end of term. This money will be spent on resources to directly benefit the children and it will make a huge difference, so THANK-YOU!

## Gift Aid

Did you know we are charitable organisation, and therefore, we can claim **GIFT AID** on all your donations. This is money given by the government for charitable donations, and we can claim an additional 25p on every £1 donated, so it really does make a difference. This is particularly relevant at this time of year because it applies to sponsorship money for the Marathon. Please see attachment for a gift aid declaration form and there will be some in the Ark cloakroom to you to complete and hand to a member of staff.



## Leavers Assembly

We look forward to seeing parents/ carers of our school leavers at our annual assembly on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July. Please arrive in the Baptist Church from 11.45am and we will start shortly after that. Term will finish after the assembly.



## Fun in the Forest

Our older children once again enjoyed their visits to Chaucer Woods, and were able to re-visit so saw the changes in seasons this year. We intend to continue this programme with the older children in late September, having given the children a chance to settle back in.



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## Ark Annual General Meeting

Please do join us for our AGM last week. This will be an opportunity to hear about the work done at The Ark this year and plans for the coming year. We also hope to have all contracts signed by then to be able to confirm our temporary home for Spring/ Summer 2020 at this meeting, all being well. We will of course send an email for the benefit of those who cannot attend this meeting. It will start in the church at 11.15am, lasting about 20 minutes before the Leavers' Assembly



### Tapestry end of year information

We have now had our online learning journals for a full academic year and hope you have enjoyed regular updates on your child's activities and progress at The Ark. We continue to review how we use this so please so give us your feedback.

For those leaving us, we will enable you to download your child's journal, and you have 28 days to do this from when it is enabled. We also can export a PDF version to send to you if you cannot access it for yourself. We will do this at the end of term to allow all the last week's activities to be included in the journal. We will delete your children's records after a time to allow room for new records to be created so please download all information as soon as you can. Any videos will need to be downloaded separately as these cannot be included in the journal. We will send an email to notify you when the document is ready for download.

For the next schools/ setting, few seem to use Tapestry at this time but if you find out that they do we can transfer records there to continue the existing learning journal. Schools have been asked but in case things change please do let Sarah know.

## Holiday Activities

- **Summer of Fun:** The Parish and Town Councils within Bracknell Forest once again provide free activities for children on public recreation grounds. They are at Morgan Rec on Weds 21<sup>st</sup> August from 11am-3pm. See attachment, and poster on our playground noticeboard for more information about all events this summer.
- **Summer Activities:** The Churches in Crowthorne put on free summer activities Fridays 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> August at the Morgan Rec. from 3-5.30pm.
- **Holiday Club:** Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July - Primary School aged children (including those starting in September) are welcome to attend a Bible Holiday Club at St. Sebastian's School on Nine Mile Ride from 9.30am - 12.00pm. There is also an early evening Family BBQ on the Friday evening to wrap up the club. If you are interested, please contact Sarah and she will ask the organisers to send a registration form.

## Contact during the Holidays

You can continue to contact Sarah, our administrator, through the holidays. She will be taking some leave but will be able to intermittently check emails and phone messages so please bear with us but we will get back to you. **Phone:** 07827 892397; **Email:** [admin@thearkpreschoolcrowthorne.org.uk](mailto:admin@thearkpreschoolcrowthorne.org.uk)

If you are notifying of an absence on the first day back, remember to call the **Ark site: 07999 550674**

We look forward to seeing all returning children in September and hearing about your fun summer holidays. We hope everyone gets a chance to refresh and recharge their batteries.

