



## Newsletter - JUNE/ JULY 2019

The theme for this half-term is:

# HOLIDAYS

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### TERM DATES

#### Summer Term Dates:

Close for Summer Holiday on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 12.15pm

#### 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

We continue to look at rhyming sounds:

w/c 3<sup>rd</sup> June - **TREE** (*Holiday Memories*)

w/c 10<sup>th</sup> June - **DOG** (*Planning a holiday*)

w/c 17<sup>th</sup> June - **PIG** (*Packing for a holiday*)

w/c 24<sup>th</sup> June - **SIT** (*Holiday Homes*)

w/c 1<sup>st</sup> July **BALL** (*Holiday Fun 1*)

w/c 8<sup>th</sup> July - **CAKE** (*Holiday Fun 2*)

w/c 15<sup>th</sup> July - **BOOK** (*Summer Holidays*)

#### **Transition to school**

- We have now invited reception teachers from those classes that our Ark children will transition to, in to see the children in their familiar setting and speak to their keyworkers.
- We will be letting children try on school uniform.
- **Transition Talk:** This is a parent talk to give information about our preparation, and your role in preparing the children (and yourselves) for this big change. This year, it will be held on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 9.30am** and will be in the Baptist Church. We hope that parents of school leavers can attend one of these. We did offer an evening meeting if there was demand, but there has not be a response to indicate this was required.
- We have our annual leavers assembly on 19<sup>th</sup> July at 11.45am in the Baptist Church. This is a chance to look back at their time at The Ark as we send them off. All family members of leavers welcome - bring your tissues!

#### **Returns in September**

I hope that you have all sent your change of session forms into me. All requests have been honoured but you will receive a separate notification shortly. If you plan to change your child's attendance pattern in any way, please let Sarah know NOW please. Please also advise if you would like to plan ahead for changes later in the year.



#### **Sports Day**

We will be sending letters home regarding our annual Sports Day, and sponsored 'Marathon', to be held on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July. We will need reply slips to be returned so we can make plans for this day. All Ark children are welcome to join us, but we ask for adults to join us at The Rec. or arrange for another adult to be responsible for their child. Toilets are available at The Morgan Centre, but children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Sponsorship forms will be issued for our sponsored 'marathon' around the field. This is our only fundraising activity, so we ask for your support.

#### **Trip to Sandhurst Park**

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July, the Ark hall will be closed as we will be having our trip to Sandhurst Park. ALL Ark children are invited to join us (siblings may attend, but remain the responsibility of the parent/ carer at all times). We will have activities, provide a snack and drink, and then you are welcome to stay and play and picnic when we finish activities. We are sending a letter home shortly and would appreciate replies to help with our planning.

## School Entry for September 2020

If your child is going to be 4 by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020, then they will be eligible to start school in September 2020. The application process starts now for Bracknell Forest Residents. You need to register your child at <http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/primaryschooladmissions> so they can send you an email for school applications in November. These must be submitted by mid-January 2020 and you will have an offer for a school place in mid-April 2020.



## 30 hours' Free Childcare

If your child is turning 3 before 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019 you will be eligible for universal funding of 15 hours free childcare. You may also be eligible for 30 hours free childcare but you must apply for this. The deadline for this is 31<sup>st</sup> August but please apply as soon as possible so we can process it before the end of term.

See <https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/par/app/applynow> for 30 hours. We must obtain the 30 hours' code and verify it before the deadline in order to claim your free hours for you. Due to the summer break we would ask these are with us by Fri 12<sup>th</sup> July. These 30 hours can be shared across two settings (i.e. The Ark and another pre-school or a childminder). Please contact Sarah if you have queries or want more information. Please remember that if you have a code, **you must check this every 3 months** to maintain eligibility.



## Summer Weather

We hope that this sunny weather continues for the rest of this half-term, but can please remember to include a hat and change of clothes (in the event of clothes getting wet with water play) in their bags. Please apply sun-cream to your child before they come to pre-school.

## Summer Events around Crowthorne

**Crowthorne C of E Fayre - 6<sup>th</sup> July 11am - 2pm** Crowthorne C of E School will hold a Summer Fayre on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July from 11am - 2pm. This is open to all the community and an ideal opportunity to get to know the school if your child is starting there in September. See attached flyer.

**Summer of Fun** As in previous years, there will be lots of activities around Bracknell Forest throughout the summer holidays. All events are FREE for families with lots of different activities for all ages. They are held at recreation grounds across the borough and the event at the **Morgan Rec.** is on **Weds 21<sup>st</sup> August 11am-3pm**. See the attached poster for details of all dates and venues, which was sent out a few weeks ago.

## Dates for your diary: (Some are provisional but we will inform of any changes):

- **Transition talk - Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June in the Baptist Church.** ALL parents/ Carers are welcome to our annual coffee morning where Heather will help give you advice on how to support your child (and YOU) as you all prepare for this next step in their education.
- **Summer visit to St Brendan's - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June** - for Friday children only. More details to follow
- **Parent/ Keyworker consultations - weeks commencing 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> July.**
- **Summer Trip to Sandhurst Park - Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July - 9.30am.** For all Ark children. More details to follow.
- **Sports Day/ Picnic - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July at Morgan Rec.** ALL Ark children and ALL parents/ carers welcome. Please stay at the Rec. for a (bring your own) picnic afterwards.
- **ARK AGM - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 11.15am in the Baptist Church** - all are encouraged to attend.
- **Leaver's Assembly - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 11.45am in the Baptist Church** - All are welcome to the assembly and we hope ALL Ark children going to 'Big School' can attend this.



## Contact details.

For any general enquiries, call Sarah Webb (administrator) on [07827 892397](tel:07827892397) 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](tel:07999550674) between 9.15am - 12.15pm Mon - Fri.