



Newsletter

June/July 2021

The topic for this half term is:

Holidays

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Term Dates 2021/22

SUMMER 2021

Half term: 31st May-4th June
TERM ENDS: Fri 16th July
(12.15pm)

AUTUMN 2021

TERM STARTS: Mon 6th Sep
Half term: 25th-29th Oct
TERM ENDS: Fri 17th Dec
(Early close at 12pm)

SPRING 2022

TERM STARTS: Tue 4th Jan
Half term: 14-18th Feb
TERM ENDS: Fri 1st Apr

Rhyming words and themes of the week:

We continue to look at rhyming sounds (Words that rhyme with...):

w/c 7th Jun – **dog** (Planning a holiday)
w/c 14th Jun – **pig** (Packing for a holiday)
w/c 21st Jun – **sit** (Holiday homes)

w/c 28th Jun – **ball** (Holiday fun)
w/c 5th Jul – **cake** (Holiday fun)
w/c 12th Jul – **book** (Summer Holidays)



Transition to New Schools

This term we will be preparing for the children leaving in the following way:

- Doing lots of work with the children to prepare them for the transition to school,
- Liaising with the schools to share information on the children.
- Holding a transition talk for parents, so you know how best to support your child: Monday 14th June at 8pm on Zoom
- Showing the children uniform from the local schools.
- Leavers Assembly on 15th July

Returners in September

Any requests for changes of session in September should have been sent to Naomi by now. All requests have been honoured. If you plan to change your child's attendance pattern in any way and have not yet told Naomi please let her know NOW. Please also advise if you would like to plan ahead for changes later in the year. **A reminder that our notice period is half a term, otherwise payment will be due in lieu of notice.**

Dates for Your Diary (more details to follow)

- Monday 14th June 8pm – Transition Talk on zoom with Heather (for parents of school leavers)
- Thursday 24th June - South Hill Park trip (see over for more details)
- Friday 2nd – Thursday 8th July - Parent Consultations with Keyworkers
- Friday 9th July – Sports Day on the Athletics Field (ALL children and parents/carers welcome from 11am)
- Thursday 8th July 8pm – The Ark AGM (on Zoom)
- Thursday 15th July 11.45am – Leavers' Assembly (This is a chance to look back at your child's time at The Ark as we send them off. All family members of Leavers welcome – bring your tissues!)



Ark Checklist – what should I bring?

- Waterproofs in wet weather (preferably coat and trousers) and wellies if it is likely to be muddy
- Sunhat for sunny days (suncream already applied before drop off)
- Change of clothes (named)
- Plastic bag for wet things
- Healthy snack (in a named plastic bag) – crackers, fruit, raisins etc. No nuts please.
- Water in a named bottle
- Nappies, wipes and nappy sacks if your child is in nappies
- Healthy lunch if staying for lunch club
- Indoor shoes/slippers/non slip socks for inside the Lodge



School Entry for September 2022

If your child is going to be 4 by 31st August 2022, they will be eligible to start school in September 2022. In the Autumn term you will be able to get information from local school which hopefully will include open days this year. The Bracknell Forest application process starts from 5th November and the closing date for this will be 15th January. Place offers are made on 16th April.

30 Hours Free Childcare

If your child is turning 3 before 31st August 2021, you will be eligible for universal funding of 15 hours free childcare. You may also be eligible for an additional 15 hours of extended funded childcare, but you must apply for this before the end of the summer. You can check eligibility and apply here - <https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>

South Hill Park Trip

On Thursday 24th June, The Ark lodge will be closed as we will be having our trip to South Hill Park. ALL Ark children are invited to join us (siblings may also attend, but remain the responsibility of the parent/carer at all times). We will have activities, eat our snack together, and then you are welcome to stay and play and picnic when we finish activities at 12.15pm. We are sending a letter home shortly and would appreciate replies to help with our planning.



Sports Day

We will be sending letters home shortly regarding our annual Sports Day, and sponsored "Marathon" on Friday 9th July. We will need reply slips so we can make plans. All Ark children are welcome to join us, but if your child is not usually with us on Friday you will need to bring them at 11am to join in. Parents are welcome to come from 11am to cheer the children on – please park in the usual place by the netball courts and walk over to the Athletics field where we will be holding our activities. Sponsorship forms will be issued for our sponsored "Marathon" around the field. This is our only fundraising activity so we do ask for your support with this.



Introducing Kevin and Wendy Mills

We have been delighted to have Rev Kevin (the new Crowthorne Baptist Church minister) and his wife Wendy visiting us regularly for our walks on Thursdays. The children have loved getting to know them, and when we move back to the church in the summer they will continue to be regular visitors. Do say hello and introduce yourself if you see them!



Contact Details

For any general enquiries, email Naomi Page (administrator) at admin@thearkpreschoolcrowthorne.org.uk or call on 07827 892397. If you need to speak to a member of staff urgently, or your child cannot attend, call the Ark setting on 07999 550674 between 9.15am – 12.15pm Mon – Fri.