



Newsletter

March/April 2021

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The theme for this half term is:
People Who Help Us



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RG45 7AT

Welcome Back!

We hope you have had a lovely half term break.

Term Dates 2020/21



The Ark returns for the new academic year on 6th September 2021. All term dates for 2021/22 are on our website.

SPRING 2021

HALF-TERM: 15th - 19th Feb
TERM ENDS: Thur 1st Apr

SUMMER 2021

TERM STARTS: Mon 19th Apr
Closed: Mon 3rd May
(Bank Holiday)
HALF-TERM: 31st May - 4th June
TERM ENDS: Fri 16th Jul

Letters and themes of the week:

w/c 22nd Feb – **j** (Doctors, nurses and vets)
w/c 1st Mar – **z** (Fire service)
w/c 8th Mar – **w** (Police)
w/c 15th Mar – **v** (The street)
w/c 22nd Mar – **x** (My family)
w/c 29th Mar – **y** (Easter)

Absence of children

We require a phone call or a letter every day that your child cannot attend preschool. The local authority has asked us to keep this information, so please support us in this. Please phone THE ARK number (**07999 550674**) if your child is absent that day. If you know in advance of an absence, or if it is for a longer period of time we require a letter please. We reserve the right to contact parents if your child is absent and we have had no contact.

Clothing

This half term the children will continue to go for their walk straight after drop off. We would therefore appreciate if children were dropped off in their waterproofs (coat and trousers is preferable to all in one suits for toileting) and wellies. After the walk we will go inside for craft, singing, stories and play so please send your child with a pair of clean indoor shoes, slippers or non-slip socks to wear in the Lodge.

It would be really helpful if you could help your children practise putting on their own coats and boots – this is especially important to prepare children for going to school.



Covid

Just a reminder that no one displaying any symptoms of Covid should come to The Ark, or on to the Wellington site. If someone in your household does display symptoms or has a test for Covid, please do let us know as soon as possible so we can notify the relevant authorities.

Parent Representatives

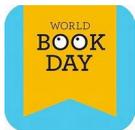
Kristie Williams (George's mum) and Millie Foyle (Toby's mum) are our parent representatives on the committee. You are welcome to pass them any feedback or suggestions that they can take to the committee meetings.

Ark Checklist – what should I bring?

- Waterproofs (preferably coat and trousers) and wellies
- Change of clothes (named)
- Plastic bag for wet things
- Healthy snack (in a 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

Amazon Smile

We are registered with Amazon Smile – you can select us as your charity to support, and when you shop (using the link smile.amazon.co.uk/) we will receive a percentage of your spending, at no cost to you. This money will help us buy new resources, toys and books for the children so we would really appreciate your support.



World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 4th March, where children will be invited to come to The Ark dressed as a book character, and with their favourite book to share.

Uniform

If you would like to order t-shirts (£4.95) or sweatshirts (£8.95) with The Ark logo on, please contact Naomi. These come in navy or teal, and the sizes are 3-4 or 5-6 years.

Lunch Clubs

We have a few spaces left at lunch club on Wednesdays this half term. This runs straight after the morning session for one hour from 12.15-1.15pm and the cost is £5. Please contact Naomi if you would like to sign your child up.



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.