



## Newsletter - NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2016

The theme for this half-term is:

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# CLOTHES

The Ark Pre-School, Crowthorne Baptist Church, 144 High Street, Crowthorne, Berks, RG45 7AT

### Term Dates 2016/17

#### **AUTUMN 2016**

**TERM RESUMES:** Mon 31<sup>st</sup> Oct '16

**TERM ENDS:** Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Dec '16

#### **SPRING 2017**

**Inset (Closed):** Weds 4<sup>th</sup> Jan '17

**TERM STARTS:** Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Jan '17

**HALF-TERM:** 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> Feb '17

**TERM ENDS:** Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Mar '17

#### **SUMMER 2017**

**TERM STARTS:** Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> April '17

**Closed:** Mon 1<sup>st</sup> May '17 (Bank Holiday)

**HALF-TERM:** 29<sup>th</sup> May - 2<sup>nd</sup> June '17

**Inset (Closed):** Mon 5<sup>th</sup> June '17

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

### Letters and topics of the week:

w/c 31<sup>st</sup> Oct - **k** (*favourite clothes*)

w/c 7<sup>th</sup> Nov - **e** (*getting dressed*)

w/c 14<sup>th</sup> Nov - **h** (*shoes*)

w/c 21<sup>st</sup> Nov - **r** (*clothes for different times of year*)

w/c 28<sup>th</sup> Nov - **m** (*special clothes*)

w/c 5<sup>th</sup> Dec - **d** (*clothes worn in Bible times*)

w/c 12<sup>th</sup> Dec - **g** (*Christmas*)

### Policy reminders:

**Child collection** - If someone other than a parent or regular carer is collecting your child please remember to write the details on the list on the red notice-board in the cloakroom. If we do not know the person we will also ask for a password so please ensure they know this.

**Photos on Social Media** - A reminder that our photography policy, which everyone reads and signs upon joining The Ark, is to ensure that we protect ALL children in The Ark. We want you to have photos to remember these special years in your child's development, for your personal use, but please do not post these online, including on social media. If any photo is shared online please ensure it is cropped to only include your child as you do not have permission to post photos of other children online and could leave some at risk.

Thank-you for your support.

### Stay and play week - w/c 14<sup>th</sup> November

During this week parents/ carers are invited in to see their child at play at The Ark. During this time you can see your child through the morning and spend some time looking through your child's learning journal with your child. There will be a schedule on the red door after half-term, for you to sign up. This will be limited to 3 parents/ carers each morning. You are always welcome to come in any time to join in the fun or offer help - please speak to Heather to arrange this.

### Parent/ Keyworker Consultation week - w/c 12<sup>th</sup> December

Another schedule to go up later next half-term will be appointments to meet with your child's keyworker to follow their progress and development through this term. There will be appointments at beginning and end of sessions during this week.



For those who are not aware, we often have a crate of books on the kitchen hatch in the cloakroom. These are provided by our local Book People representative and you are welcome to browse and place orders, which will be left at The Ark for you to collect. Orders will only be delivered if payment is left by the published collection date.

## Christmas

As part of our Christmas celebrations we will be holding a nativity service and a Christmas party. ALL Ark children are invited to take part in both events:



### **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – 9.30am – Nativity Service in the Baptist Church.**

We have allocated parts for the nativity play, so will ask nearer the time who will be attending this event and give details of costumes needed (we do have some we can supply). We will serve refreshments afterwards for parents and children. Tuesday children can return to The Ark to resume the session as normal afterwards.

### **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – 9.15am – 12 noon – Christmas Party at The Ark hall.**

All children are invited to the party, which will include a party entertainer, and some party food. You are invited to join us from 11.40am to see the children welcome a special festive visitor and receive a gift from him. In order to help cover costs we are asking for a £5 contribution for children. Parents can then take children home at 12 noon.

## Photographs – 22<sup>nd</sup> November

Snappers Photography will be coming into us on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November to take individual photos of the children. These often make ideal Christmas presents and orders will be returned in time for Christmas, although it does mean there will be a short window for orders to be returned. Mike will be at The Ark throughout the morning and all children in on the morning will be photographed. If your child is not normally at the Ark on this date, or you want to bring a sibling for a group photo, please come to the Baptist Church around 9.30am and we will take these photos on a first come, first serve basis.



## Clothing

As we get towards colder weather, please remember to always supply appropriate clothes for your child (along with spares) according to the weather, such as warm clothing, coats, hats and gloves. We play outside in all weathers, so we ask for a pair of labelled Wellington Boots to be kept in The Ark so we always are able to play outside, should an unexpected shower occur.

## Wanted Please

If anyone has a wooden dolls house or any push/ pull toys that you would like to see re-homed, then The Ark would be a very willing recipient. Please speak to Heather if you can help.

## Dates for your diary:

**Nativity Play Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – see above**

**Christmas Party Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – see above**

**Christmas Carol Service – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 4pm – Crowthorne Baptist Church – for all ages.**

**Christingle Service – 24<sup>th</sup> December 4pm – a short service for all the family to enjoy carols, Christingles and the Christmas Story. Please come in nativity themed costumes, or we can provide costumes on arrival.**



## 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.

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