



Newsletter - NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2017

The theme for this half-term is:

PARTIES



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Term Dates 2017/18	SPRING 2018	SUMMER 2018
AUTUMN 2017	TERM STARTS: Weds 3 rd Jan '18	INSET (Closed): Tues 17 th April '18
TERM RESUMES: Mon 30 th Oct '17	HALF-TERM: 12 th - 16 th Feb '18	TERM STARTS: Weds 18 th April '18
TERM ENDS: Tues 19 th Dec '17	TERM ENDS: Weds 28 th Mar '18	Closed: Mon 7 th May '18 (Bank Holiday)
		HALF-TERM: 28 th May - 1 st June '18
		TERM ENDS: Fri 20 th July '18

Letters and topics of the week:

w/c 30th Oct - **c** (birthday party preparations)
w/c 6th Nov - **k** (birthday party preparations)
w/c 13th Nov - **e** (birthday party celebrations)

w/c 20th Nov - **h** (birthday party celebrations)
w/c 27th Nov - **r** (Other party celebrations)
w/c 4th Dec - **m** (Christmas party preparations)
w/c 11th Dec - **d** Christmas party preparations



School Applications

All parents with children who will be 4 years by 31st August 2017 should have registered with Bracknell Forest for an application for a school place for September 2018.. This registration triggers an application to be sent by email after half-term. The deadline for applications is 15th January 2018 and the offers are made on 16th April 2018. If you have any queries please look at: <https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/starting-primary-school>

Stay and play week - w/c 6th 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 15th January

Another schedule to go up at the end of 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.

Photographs - 21st November

Snappers Photography will be coming on Tuesday 21st Nov to take individual photos of the children. These often make ideal Christmas presents and orders are returned in time for Christmas, although it does mean there will be a short window for orders to be returned. All Tuesday children will be photographed during the session. 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 ask for a pair of labelled Wellington Boots to be kept in The Ark so we can always play outside, whatever the weather.

Christmas

ALL Ark children are invited to take part in both Christmas events:

- **Tuesday 12th December - 9.30am - Nativity Service in 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 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.



- **Tuesday 19th December - 9.15am - 12 noon - Christmas Party in 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 take children home at 12 noon.



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.



Shoebbox Appeal

Every year Samaritan's Purse appeal for shoeboxes to be filled with gifts to be given to children overseas. These shoeboxes can be the only present some children receive at Christmas. There are specific things to include (and not include) in boxes and everything must be new. I enclose further details separately. If you would like to make a shoebox with your child over half-term please bring it to The Ark in the first week back. There is a collection from the church in early November.

Dates for your diary:

Stay and Play Week week commencing 6th November (sign up sheet up after half-term)

Nativity Play Tuesday 12th December - see above

Christmas Party Tuesday 19th December - see above

Christmas Carol Service - Sunday 17th December 4pm - Crowthorne Baptist Church - for all ages.

Christingle Service - Sunday 24th December 4pm - a short service for all the family to enjoy carols, Christingles and the Christmas Story. Nativity themed costumes are welcome, or can be provided on arrival.

Parent/ Keyworker Consultations w/c 15th January (sign-up sheet available nearer the time)



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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