



# Newsletter - NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2019

The theme for this half-term is:

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# PARTIES

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## TERM DATES 2019/ 20



### AUTUMN 2019

RE-OPEN: 4<sup>th</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

### Letters and topics of the week:

w/c 4<sup>th</sup> Nov - **k** (birthday party preparations)  
w/c 11<sup>th</sup> Nov - **e** (birthday party preparations)  
w/c 18<sup>th</sup> Nov - **h** (birthday party celebrations)

w/c 25<sup>th</sup> Nov - **r** (birthday party celebrations)  
w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec - **m** (Other party celebrations)  
w/c 9<sup>th</sup> Dec - **d** (Christmas party preparations)  
w/c 16<sup>th</sup> Dec (Christmas party preparations)



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### **Pending Move**

Please remember that when we re-open after our Christmas break (on 7<sup>th</sup> January) we will be operating from Wellington College. Parents will need to access the site from the Dukes Ride entrance, by the station. We will be giving more details about directions to our pavilion setting nearer the end of this term.



### School Applications

All parents with children (living in Bracknell Forest) who will be 4 years by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019 should have registered to apply for a school place for September 2020 and you will be sent an email after half-term to commence applications. The deadline for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020 and the offers are made on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2020. If you have any queries please look at: <https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/starting-primary-school>. The same deadlines apply for other Local Authorities but different processes may apply.

Local schools have open mornings through November:

- Crowthorne C of E Primary School - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 9.30 am, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 1.30pm, Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 10.45am and Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1.30pm
- Wildmoor Heath - 7<sup>th</sup> November 9.30-11am and 27<sup>th</sup> November 1.30-3pm
- New Scotland Hill - 6<sup>th</sup> November 9.00-10.30am
- Hatch Ride - 22<sup>nd</sup> November
- Oaklands Infant School - 7<sup>th</sup> November (11am-12noon), 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> November (9-10am)

### Stay and play week - w/c 18<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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### 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 17<sup>th</sup> December - 9.30am - Nativity Service in Baptist Church.**

We will allocate 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.



- **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December - 9.15am - 12 noon - Christmas Party in The Ark hall.**

All children are invited to the party, which will include party games, 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.

#### **Christmas Cards to purchase**

The children created a Christmas Design before half-term. These have now been sent to a company to allow you to purchase cards, gift tags and giftwrap with their own design on it. The Artwork is on its way to The Ark and will be sent home in the next couple of days. All ordering is online at <https://www.apfsorders.co.uk>, using the code on the sample you receive, and the deadline for placing orders is strictly **13<sup>th</sup> November**. The Ark earn commission on items purchased but anything ordered after 13<sup>th</sup> November will be charged a postage fee and will not earn any commission for us. Completed orders are sent to The Ark on 26<sup>th</sup> November so should be home shortly after that.



#### **Dates for your diary:**

**Visit to St Brendan's Care Home - Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am**

**Nativity Service - Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am - Baptist Church**

All parents/ carers and family members are welcome to see the children present the Christmas Story.

**Christmas Party - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December - 9.30am - 12pm in Ark hall (all children are welcome to join this party, not just those in on Thursdays).**



#### **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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