



# Newsletter

April 2021

## Summer Term

Welcome back to our final term for this academic year. We hope you have had a nice Easter break. Thank you for your cooperation with the adjustments we have had to make with the current guidelines in place. Just a reminder that adults are still not allowed to enter the building. Please continue to ensure that you wear a mask at drop off / pick up and keep your distance from others appropriately.

## Children

Welcome to all our new children and families that have recently started with us. We know that this is not an easy time for you with the current guidance in place, which does not allow you access to the pre-school building. Rest assured that you will be contacted should your child become too unsettled during their session. We are so proud of how all the children have adapted after returning post lockdown. This is busy time of year, especially for our 'graduate' children, who will be getting ready to transition onto reception in September! Please let a member of staff know what school your child has been allocated, as we will soon be starting to write their transition reports, which will need to be shared with the school.

This term, we will be covering learning about 'new life' with planting activities and tadpoles. We also plan to carry out activities relating Ramadan, Eid, St Georges Day, the Queen's birthday, Father's Day mental health awareness, child safety and healthy eating week.

As part of your child's physical development, it is important that they are able to experiment in different ways of moving around, whilst learning to manage some safety measures and risks themselves. Whilst we do this in preschool, we are limited to how much we can support this, and we are finding that some children are wanting to use indoor furniture to climb on which is unsafe. We would like to encourage you to support this as much as you can by encouraging safe and appropriate play in your homes. Also, getting outdoors and encouraging your child to climb in appropriate places such as woods and play areas is great for the physical development and wellbeing.

**IF YOUR CHILD HAS ANY OF THE SYMPTOMS RELATING TO COVID 19, DO NOT BRING THEM TO PRE-SCHOOL. KEEP THEM AT HOME, INFORM US OF THEIR ABSENCE AND GET THEM TESTED. PLEASE BE SURE TO LET US KNOW THE TEST RESULTS STRAIGHT AWAY.**

## Reminders:

Please do not allow your child to stand or climb onto the fire steps or run around in the car park.

Please remember to pack your child spare clothes, nappies, wipes and nappy sacks, as necessary.

Please remember appropriate shoes for school, no wellies, flip-flops or open toe sandals for health and safety reasons. Please remember sunscreen, hats and appropriate weather clothing.



## Staff

All Ark staff are now back on site.

## Useful information

[www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](http://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test)

## NHS 111 advice / helpline

[www.ark-preschool.co.uk](http://www.ark-preschool.co.uk)

Look out for our website QR code at the entrance.

[www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare](http://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare)

## Dates for diary

Summer leavers party – **date to be confirmed for July**. Please note that parents will need to stay with their children and non-leavers will NOT be able to attend.

Our next half-term break will be for **ONE week** from Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June.

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – **Bank Holiday**

Full term-dates have been emailed and can be found on our website.