



The Ark Newsletter

November 2022

Staff

Sadly Emma Turner who currently leads the baby room will be leaving the Ark on Thursday 1st December we wish Emma all the best of luck in her new venture. Heather will be stepping up as baby room lead practitioner Monday –Thursday and we have successfully recruited Amy to work alongside Heather. Amy will lead take the lead on a Friday working with Millie who is joining the baby room team on Friday. Nanny Jane has also returned to the Ark supporting the baby room over lunchtime.

Lucy has moved to the toddler room to work alongside Bekki.

Children's Activities

Over the past few weeks the children have been having lots of fun in the rain! They have been drawing with chalks on the wet ground and observing the colours mixing together, and then jumping in the colourful puddles! If you have not done so already please bring in some wellies for your child labelled with their name as we will continue this over the next few weeks! Please ensure children hve enough spare clothes including socks.





All the children across the nursery created handmade poppy wreaths and then on Friday 9th November we walked to the village's memorial to lay our wreaths. The children joined in with the short service of Remembrance as well as a minute's silence.

Packed Lunch – For children who do not eat a hot nursery lunch, the option of bringing in a packed lunch is available. When choosing items for your child's lunch box please be mindful of our Nutrition Policy which requests that parents support us in our healthy eating aims when providing packed lunches. Food such as crisps, chocolate, sweets or fizzy drinks should be avoided, as should any other foods with high levels of additives/colourings as some children are highly sensitive to these ingredients which can severely affect their behaviour and /or make them sick. Food with **nut** content should also be avoided as children with severe allergy to nuts can suffer extreme reactions even via indirect contact. Fruit or vegetable and dairy snacks are encouraged,

Tapestry Tash is responsible for our Nursery online learning journal, Tapestry. Should you have any queries or questions please direct them to Tash. It is really lovely if parents add comments or pictures on to Tapestry, activities you have shared or enjoyed together, special events or milestone firsts. This enables your key worker to share with your child and initiate conversation between home and nursery.

School Applications

If your child is starting school in September 2023 you will need to complete the application by Sunday 15th January 2023. You can follow the link below

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/-/school-allocations>

Funding Raising

Thank you to those parents who have supported our fundraising. We have raised the following amounts for the Ark to enhance the outdoor area for the children.

Concept Photography £100.00

IQ cards £89.

Cake sale raised £233.24 which will be split between Children in Need and The Ark

Dates for your diary

Christmas Bingo – Friday 2nd December at Child Okeford Village Hall doors open at 7pm eyes down at 730pm.

Preschool Nativity performance Friday 9th December at 10am

Christmas Dinner Day Tuesday 6th December

Christmas Jumper Day Thursday 10th December

Christmas Party Day Wednesday 14th December

Autumn Term 2022

Monday 5th September – Friday 16th December

Christmas Closure Monday 26th December 2022 – Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Spring term 2023

Tuesday 3rd January - Friday 31st March

Half-term and Holiday Club Monday 13th February –Friday 17th February

Inset/ Holiday club day Friday 10th February

Sarah McNab

Nursery Manager

