



# The Ark Newsletter

Spring 2023

Finally, it feels that Spring is in the air. The days are getting longer and hopefully soon the milder and sunnier weather will arrive. The children have been enjoying more time outside in the garden utilising their new equipment.



## Staff

Unfortunately, we have to say goodbye to Heather at the beginning of April. Heather joined us in 2017 as an apprentice; she gained her qualifications and with experience became Baby room lead practitioner. We have loved having Heather as part of the team but she has chosen to take time away from childcare to look at a different career path. We wish her all the luck and will be sad to see her go.

Katie has joined our bank staff team and has previously worked in other nurseries and has come here to extend her experience within early years. Maddie has been on a work placement with us for the past year gaining her experience within the setting alongside her qualification. Maddie has now decided to join the Baby room team on a Friday.

## Children's activities

In the Pre-school room the children have been exploring the Hungry Caterpillar story; they have read the story during circle time and used the story sacks to explore the puppets and props for the story. Using visual aids during story time really helps bring the story to life and encourages the children to take an active role at story time. The children have also been looking at 'Life cycles' and have welcomed some Caterpillars and Tadpoles into the room to observe the changes over time.



We will also be celebrating St Patricks day, Mother's day , Pancake Day and Red Nose Day along with our day to day activities



Thank you to everyone that participated in this year's world book day, either dressing up or sharing their favourite story with us



## **Medication:**

We understand that all children will get ill at some point and this can cause a strain on everyone within the house hold. In order for us to stop the spread of illness we ask that if your child needs Calpol or if they have had any within 4 hours of starting nursery please keep them at home. If your child is prescribed or the pharmacist gives any eye drops, antibiotics, steroids or any other medicated creams they will need to remain off for 24 hours. Once they have passed 24 hours then as long as we have a prescription label then we are able to administer the medication. If you are unsure please speak to the member of the Ark team.

## **End of the Day**

As you are all aware as a setting we operate 8am-6pm. This means we close the doors at 6pm, if you require a handover at the end of the day please arrive by 5.50pm so that staff have time to do the handover. If you arrive after this time, handover will be short and limited. Any collections after 6pm may incur a fee.

## **Car park**

We just want to ask that people take a slower approach when entering the car park. Please remember that at any time, parents could be dropping or collecting their child, meaning there are children around. Could people also remember to use only the two disabled spaces and the one space near the main school gates between the hours of 8-815am.

## **Term Dates**

### **Spring term 2023**

Easter Holiday Club Monday 3rd April –Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April & Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April – The Ark is closed on Good Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April and Easter Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April.

### **Summer term 2023**

#### **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

Half-term and Holiday Club Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June

Inset/ Holiday club day Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June

### **Dates for your Diary**

The Ark is open all year round **except all Bank Holidays**, and we will close the **week commencing Monday 28th August 2023 to Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September**. At **Christmas**

The Ark will be closed from **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023 to Tuesday January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2024**.

## **Fundraising**

Thank you to all those parents who donated prizes supported and attended our Easter Bingo. After the expenses have been taken out we raised a massive £787.00.

We raised £134.15 on Red Nose day which will be split equally between The Ark and Comic Relief.

Sarah McNab

Nursery Manager