



The Ark Newsletter

August 2024

Staff News

We welcome Sally, who will be joining the Ark at the beginning of September as our new nursery cook.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and share with you that Maddie has passed her NVQ level 3 qualifications.

Children's Activities



During the summer holidays the children have been busy taking part in their own 'Mini Olympics'. They undertook various events from horse jumping to riding balance bikes around their own velodrome. The children recorded their scores and received certificates.



All the children across the nursery enjoying a 'Teddy Bears' picnic together out on the school field

Changes in September

Any children who will be year one children regardless of their class (Acorns or Chestnuts) will be in the **Raft** for both breakfast and after school club sessions. Children who are transitioning into school in September will attend breakfast and afterschool club sessions in the main **Ark** building. From the October half term **ALL** school children will attend the Raft for **holiday** club sessions.

AGM

The AGM of The Ark's Trustees (informally known as the committee) will take place in the Ark at 7.30pm on Tuesday 29th October. If you are interested in joining our team of parents and staff management of your child's childcare facility this is the ideal opportunity. Please speak to Sarah, Tracey or one of the current Trustees before the AGM.

Administrator

Just a polite reminder that Tracey our administrator works **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 0830am-5pm**. We ask that if you would like to discuss ongoing bookings, payments or funding please email or pop in during Tracey's working hours. This way we will be able to help you more efficiently as other members of staff maybe included within the ratios for the children.

If your personal details have changed recently e.g. new phone number or new address, please let us know as soon as possible. It is vital we hold up to date information for all contacts involving your child. In the event of an emergency, we must ensure we have the relevant contact numbers we need.

Dates for your Diary

A photographer from concept photography will be attending the Ark on **Monday 16th September**. **If your child does not attend on a Monday and you would like them to have a photograph taken -please contact Sarah or Tracey to make an appointment.**

Term Dates 2024/2025

Autumn Term 2024

Thursday 5th September – Friday 20th December

Inset/Holiday Club days Monday 2nd, Tuesday 3rd & Wednesday 4th September

Half term and holiday club 28th October - 1st November

Inset/Holiday Club days Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd January 2025

If your child has a term time only booking they should not attend on inset/ holiday club days.

The Ark is open all year round **except all Bank Holidays**. Our Christmas closure will be from Friday 20th December – Thursday 2nd January 2025.

If you require an in-depth handover about your child's day, please remember to arrive ten minutes before the session finishes. Staff finish work at 6pm.

Sarah McNa

Nursery Manager