



Newsletter

6th January
2020

Happy New Year!

Winter Term

Welcome back. We hope that you all had a lovely Christmas break with your children. The staff would like to say a big thank you for all your cards, kind words and gifts.

Last half-term was a busy one with all the extra activities going on in pre-school. The Children and staff worked very hard learning and teaching the words to all the songs for the Christmas performance. Well done to all and thanks to all the parents for your support on the day.

The children had also been busy painting and decorating wooden Christmas decorations, for display in the local solicitor's window. See photo.

Children

Welcome to all the new families who have children starting this term. You will be informed of who your child's key-person will be and have a chance to chat to them on your child's first day at pre-school.

For all other children, your child's end of Autumn term progress reports will be submitted via Eylog at the beginning of the January term. Please take some time to log in and read these and provide feedback / comments. If you wish to talk to your child's key-person at any point about their learning or development, please do not hesitate to ask.

We understand that some children may like to bring in a toy from home on occasions. We do not encourage this but can allow it if it helps your child. However, please can we ask that you encourage your child to bring in just one toy at a time. Please also understand that we cannot be responsible if toys get lost or broken. It will help if you can label them with your child's name. Thankyou.

Reminder:

Please remember to label all of your child's clothes, shoes, lunch boxes, snack boxes, water bottles and bags.

WOW Stars are available for you to take home to complete. Please approach a member of staff to collect and ask if you are unsure how these are used.



Staff

Linda will be off on long term leave for a knee operation. We all wish her the very best of luck and hope that she makes a speedy recovery. We hope to see Linda back at work after the February half term.

We have a volunteer helper in the pre-school starting with us on Monday 6th January. Her name is Augustia and she will be based in the classroom with the children on Mondays and Wednesdays for the next term.

Wet / cold weather

As the winter is now in full swing, please ensure that your children come to school with suitable clothing and shoes to keep warm and dry.

Wellies **cannot** be worn inside the pre-school, so a change of shoes **is** necessary if worn to walk to pre-school. We aim to have outdoor play in varied conditions as we now have our sheltered outdoor space to enable us to do this better. If you feel your child is not well enough to play outdoors, please keep them at home.

Absence

If your child needs to be absent from pre-school for *any* reason, please let us know by telephoning or sending us an email before their session is due to start.

If your child is absent due to sickness or diarrhea, you will need to keep them at home for **48 hours** from the last episode.

If your child has a temperature (fever over 37), they cannot return to pre-school until they have been fever free (un-medicated) for at least **24 hours**.

Please ensure that you bring / collect your child to / from pre-school on time each session they attend to avoid being charged. If you are going to be **late** or need to collect your child **early (before the session ends)**, please give us sufficient notice and / or arrange for someone else to collect your child if possible.

Website

Over the past term, we have been working hard to update our website. This includes term dates, up and coming events, our policies, photos and lots of other information about us. Photos or names of the Ark Pre-School children are **not** published on our website for data protection reasons. Please have a look www.ark-preschool.co.uk

Please note that our last day of term will be Friday 14th February 2020. We will be closed for one week.

