

# Noah's Ark Playgroup

Summer term 1 Newsletter 2023

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## OUR THEMES FOR THIS HALF TERM ARE

WEEK 1 & 2 FAIRYTALE AND FANTASY

WEEK 3 & 4 FARM LIFE

WEEK 5 & 6 UNDER THE SEA

## WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to the Summer term, we hope you all had a lovely Easter break.

As the weather starts to change and hopefully the temperature rises, we will spend more time using our outside area. Please ensure your child arrives in suitable outdoor clothing for the forecast..

## INSET DAY

Our next inset day will be on Monday the **5th June**, Playgroup will be **CLOSED**.

## PACKED LUNCHES

We are noticing that a lot of children are bringing packed lunches containing quite a few sweet treats. At Noah's Ark we encourage healthy eating, please help us by ensuring your child's packed lunch has a healthy variety. We do allow chocolate but please make sure that it is an age-appropriate size for your child. Children will not be allowed to consume 2, 3 or more treats including chocolate mousse, chocolate or biscuits with their lunch. We will let your child decide which treat they would like and the rest will be sent home.

Please do not send sweets or fizzy drinks in your child's lunch box, if these are sent then they will not be given to your child and returned to you at the end of the day.

Grapes and cherry tomatoes must be sliced length ways in half.

If you would like further ideas or advice on healthy eating and packed lunches, please take a look at the links below..

[Toddlers to Preschool Archives - Infant & Toddler Forum \(infantandtoddlerforum.org\)](http://www.infantandtoddlerforum.org)

[Lunchbox ideas and recipes – Healthier Families - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

## STAFF CHANGES

This week will say goodbye to staff member Melissa. Melissa has decided to move to a new setting that better suits her circumstances. We would like to wish Melissa all the best with her new adventures!

## BREAKFAST CLUB

We are pleased to announce that from September 2023 we will be opening a Breakfast Club. The breakfast club will run from 8am-9am every morning (based on demand). Places will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

More details will follow soon, including prices, how to book and place availability.

## 30 HOUR GOVERNMENT FUNDING

If your child is 3 or turning three before the **31st August 2023**, they may be entitled to the 30 hour government funding for the Autumn term. This must be applied for by you before **31st August** at <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

**If your child is entitled to 30 hour funding next term (from September), please can you let Helen know as soon as possible so we can secure the space for the Autumn term. Or if you would like additional hours or to change your child's session times for the Autumn term, again, please speak to Helen as soon as possible.**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

**Mon 29th May 23 - Fri 2nd Jun 23 HALF TERM CLOSED**

**Mon 5th Jun 2023 INSET DAY CLOSED**

**Tue 6th Jun 2023 First day of Spring term 2 2023**

**Tue 25th July 2023 Last day of 2022/23**

**Wed 26th July 2023 CLOSED Summer Holidays**

**[Nottinghamshire school holidays 2022-2023](#)**