

Noah's Ark Playgroup

Summer 2 Newsletter 2021

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THANK YOU!

So far (fingers crossed) we have made it through another half term with no direct positive covid cases in playgroup, all staff are still carrying out the Lateral Flow tests twice a week and we are keeping up to date with all the guidance available.

I want to personally thank you all for your continued support especially for last Friday. It is our very last resort to close totally because of staff shortages and having the support from parents ensured we could stay open to the children who needed us most - **Thank you.**

Please, if your child or someone in your household shows symptoms of Covid-19 or you have received a track and trace isolation notice, please stay at home, follow the Government guidelines and contact me as soon as possible so I can take action if I need to.

AGM

Our annual general meeting this year is on Monday 26th July at 8pm. This will be through Microsoft Teams, if you would like to attend the meeting please use the link here

[Noah's Ark AGM](#)

AVAILABLE SPACES

We do have places available for the Autumn term. If you or if you have any friends with 2, 3 or 4 year olds that may be interested, please feel free to share our information. Please contact me for further details. Also if your child currently attends and you would like more sessions please speak to me.

GRADUATION & END OF SUMMER PARTY

Our graduation and party will take place on the last day, **Wednesday 28th July.** You should have all received a text message relating to this over the last few days, if you have not or you have not confirmed by text can you please do this ASAP.

This year as we have so many leaving for school and in light of the current guidance, only our school leaver children will attend with their parents from 9am for the graduation.

From 10am onwards we are inviting ALL children to spend the rest of the day to celebrate the end of the playgroup year.

Your child will be bringing home an invitation with further information in due course.

30 HOUR GOVERNMENT FUNDING

Please remember that if your child is 3 or turning three before the **31st August 2021**, 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 you have any queries please see Helen.

REVIEWS

Summer reviews will be taking place on Friday 23rd July. The reviews will take place over the phone. Reviews will only be taking place for the children who are not leaving for school. Please use the following link to choose your preferred time slot.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeICQiBI9kj-7T9RDmH0JOxW5GHMHEP9mATEL_GL3ZxSXxKKw/viewform?usp=sf_link

We encourage all parents to take this opportunity to discuss their child's review but if you are happy to receive your child's development review without discussion, please select option 5.

Your child's development review will be available to view on Tapestry on Wednesday 21st July, before your phone meeting.

BABY WIPES

Can all parents please ensure that change bags have a sufficient amount of spare clothes, including socks, and a good supply of baby wipes and nappies where appropriate.

HOLIDAY FORM

Can I also remind you that we have a holiday form on our website. Can you please fill this in if you are taking your child out of playgroup for any reason. This helps us keep track of absences.

You can find the link at

<https://www.noahsark-kimberley.org.uk/holiday-form>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

2020-21

Fri 23rd July 2021 Reviews (by phone)
Wed 28th July 2021 GRADUATION/PARTY
Wed 28th July 2021 Last day of summer term 2
Thur 29th July-Mon 30th Aug 2021 - CLOSED

2021-22

Tues 31st Aug 2021 **INSET DAY - CLOSED**
Wed 1st Sept 2021 1st day of Autumn Term
Mon 18th Oct - Fri 29th Oct 21 - Half term - CLOSED
Mon 1st Nov 2021 **INSET DAY - CLOSED**
Tue 2nd Nov 2021 1st Day of Autumn Term 2
Mon 20th Dec - 31st Dec 21 - Xmas hol - CLOSED
Mon 3rd Jan 2022 **BANK HOLIDAY - CLOSED**
Tue 4th Jan 2022 1st Day of Spring term
Mon 14th Feb - Fri 18th Feb 22 Half term - CLOSED
Mon 21st Feb 2022 **INSET DAY - CLOSED**
Tues 22nd Feb 2022 1st Day of Spring term 2
Mon 4th Apr - Thur 14th Apr 22 - Easter - CLOSED
Fri 15th Apr 2022 **Good Friday - CLOSED**
Mon 18th Apr 2022 **Easter Monday - CLOSED**
Tue 19th Apr 2022 **INSET DAY - CLOSED**
Wed 20th Apr 2022 1st Day of Summer term
Mon 2nd May 2022 **BANK HOLIDAY - CLOSED**
Mon 30th May - Fri 3rd Jun 22 - Half term - CLOSED
Mon 6th June 2022 **INSET DAY - CLOSED**
Tues 7th June 2022 1st day of summer term 2
Thurs 28th July 2022 **Last day of 2021/22**

LATE COLLECTION

I would also like to remind all parents that our sessions finish at either 12pm, 1pm or 3pm. We do seem to be having quite a few parents arriving late to collect their child. It is important that you are here on time, I understand that sometimes you can be held up. Can you please let us know if you are running late.

We also have noticed a lot of parents picking their children up while being distracted by their mobile phone. Can we please ask that you try to refrain from this while collecting your child. It can make it difficult for staff to mention anything that you might need to know while collecting your child if you are on the phone.

“Greet your child with a smile, not a mobile”

CHANGE BAGS & NAPPIES & WIPES

*****IMPORTANT*****

- Every child who is still in nappies or pull ups **MUST** have an adequate supply of nappies, wipes and creams.
- Parents **MUST** ensure that their child arrives in a clean nappy.
- If your child has soiled when arriving to their session, it is the parents/carers responsibility to change them.
- We are **NOT** able to supply nappies and **DO NOT** have any spares at Playgroup.
- You **MUST** ensure your child has at least 1 full set of season appropriate spare clothing (including **PANTS** and **SOCKS**).
- There is a chance your child may spill a drink, get exceptionally muddy or even have a toilet accident where they will need to be changed.
- If you do not send any spare clothing we will have to telephone parents/carer's to bring some in should the need arise.

Please, please, please, can you put your child's name in their clothing