

Noah's Ark Playgroup

Summer 1 Newsletter 2021

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HELLO SUMMER!

We have spent as much time as we can outside this half term (when the weather has allowed), moving forward into the final half of the summer term we will continue making the most of our outside environment. Can you please ensure your child attends playgroup in suitable clothing for the weather and suitable footwear, no crocs or flip flops as they can be hazardous.

We have made it through another half term with no direct positive covid cases in playgroup, all staff now carry out the Lateral Flow tests twice a week and we are keeping up to date with all the guidance available.

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 too.

NEW STAFF MEMBER

We will be welcoming Anya to our team after the half term, Anya has just sat her A-Level exams and will be joining us as an extra pair of hands for the summer term until she starts her Teaching Degree in the Autumn.

SUNCREAM

Under current covid-19 guidance we are unable to apply a second "top up" of suncream to children half way through the day.

Parents will need to apply a layer of sun cream to their child before their session starts.

Our outside area is very shaded and if it becomes extremely hot we will limit our time outside accordingly.

AVAILABLE SPACES

We do have a 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.

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 **CHILDCARECHOICES.GOV.UK**. If you have any queries please see Helen.

SNACK

Can we please remind you to check your child's changing bag and lunch box for used snack pots. We are finding a lot of old uneaten fruit left in bags.

We are also still getting a lot of children bringing juice in their bottle for through the day drinking. Children can have juice in their lunch box but through the day must have water. Juice will be poured away and filled with water. If your child only attends in the morning they do receive a drink of milk at snack time.

REVIEWS

Summer reviews will be taking place at the end of July. With Covid guidance hopefully being lifted on the 21st June, we will confirm how the reviews will be carried out as soon as we can.

INSET DAYS

We have a planned Inset day on **Monday 7th June**, Playgroup will be closed to ALL children, We will be open as normal from Tuesday 8th June.

GRADUATION/ END OF SUMMER PARTY

We have decided to coincide our preschool graduation with a party for everyone to mark the end of a difficult 18 months and to celebrate all our children and the resilience they have all shown through a unprecedented time!

Our graduation and party will take place on the last day, Wednesday 28th July. More information will follow after half term.

CHILD ABSENCE

If your child will not be attending their session or is going to be later for any reason, can you please let us know by text or phone call as soon as possible. We appreciate if your child is ill in the night your first thought is not to contact us to let us know but contact via text can be made to the Playgroup phone at any time, day or night. If we do not hear from you within an appropriate amount of time it can become a safeguarding concern and we will then have to follow procedures to ensure child safety.

CHANGE BAGS

*****IMPORTANT*****

- 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.

PHOTOGRAPHER

All being well, our photographer from JSP will be at Playgroup on **Thursday the 1st July** for our group photograph.

If your child does not usually attend on this day but you would like your child to be included in the photo they can be, more information will follow once we have confirmation of the new guidance after the 21st June.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Fri 28th May 2021	Last day of summer term 1
Mon 7th June 2021	INSET DAY (CLOSED)
Tues 8th June 2021	1st day of summer term 2
Thurs 1st July 2021	Photographer
Wed 28th July 2021	GRADUATION/PARTY
Wed 28th July 2021	Last day of summer term2

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.

If you do not send enough nappies we will have to telephone parents/carer's to bring some in should the need arise.