

Noah's Ark Playgroup

Spring 1 Newsletter 2021

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HELLO!

Well what a start! We hope everyone adapted to the abrupt changes to the beginning of this half term, we know it was not easy and we really appreciate your continued support at playgroup.

In line with national guidance the Nottinghamshire County Council have revised their information factsheet for parents about childcare during the national lockdown and also created a document that gives hints and tips for parents. You may find these documents useful as it offers advice on how parents can best support their child/ren if they choose to keep their children at home or they are self-isolating. I have attached the documents to this email.

We are pleased to still report no direct positive covid cases in playgroup, but 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.

COLD WEATHER CLOTHING

We have had some bitterly cold weather this half term and even some snow. Even in this weather we try to get outside as often as we can. Can you ensure your child arrives with suitable outdoor footwear for rain, snow and the cold. Can I also ask you to ensure your child has multiple layers of clothing, the hall can get cold and we are required to keep the hall well ventilated, the doors to the hall will be open where possible.

AVAILABLE SPACES

We do have places available. 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 March 2021**, they may be entitled to the 30 hour government funding for the summer term. This must be applied for by you before **31st March** at **CHILDCARECHOICES.GOV.UK**. If you have any queries please see Helen.

PRESCHOOL HOME LEARNING

For the children who are currently at home or if you would like further activities or play ideas to encourage your child's learning through lockdown, all the home packs we have been sending to our "at home" children are now online on our website as well as other useful links and ideas to help continue your child's learning at home. This will be updated regularly.

Please visit [Pre-school Home Learning](#)

We would love to see what you have been doing at home, you can upload pictures to our private **facebook page** or on **Tapestry**.

COVID PROCEDURES

I have also added all our covid procedures to our website, you can view them here [Covid-19](#)

Please can I remind all parents to keep a 2m distance, not to approach the door on arrival and collection and to stay where possible at the bottom of the ramp. If an alternative collector is dropping off or collecting your child (i.e other parent, grandparent, childminder) can you ask them to read and comply with our arrival and collection procedures.

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRES

Last week I emailed a parent questionnaire out to all parents for some feedback on all aspects of playgroup. Thank you for the many replies and feedback we have received so far, if you have not submitted a questionnaire but would like to, I will leave it open for another week before we analyse and answer any questions that it may have created.

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

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| Fri 12th Feb 2021 | Last day spring term 1 |
| Mon 22nd Feb 2021 | INSET DAY (CLOSED) |
| Tues 23rd Feb 2021 | 1st day back spring term 2 |
| Thurs 1st Apr 2021 | Last day of Spring term 2 |
| Fri 2nd Apr 2021 | Good Friday (CLOSED) |
| Mon 5th Apr 2021 | Easter Mon (CLOSED) |
| Mon 19th Apr 2021 | INSET DAY (CLOSED) |
| Tues 20th Apr 2021 | 1st day of summer term 1 |
| 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 |
| Wed 28th July 2021 | Last day of summer term2 |

INSET DAYS

Monday 22nd February is an INSET day, Playgroup will be closed to ALL children, our first day open after the February half term is Tuesday 23rd February.

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.