

# Noah's Ark Playgroup

Autumn 2 Newsletter 2022

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Website [www.noahsark-kimberley.org.uk](http://www.noahsark-kimberley.org.uk)

## WEATHER SUITABLE CLOTHING

As the weather has now become a lot wetter and is gradually getting colder, can you ensure that your child attends playgroup wearing weather appropriate clothing and always has with them a suitable outdoor coat and shoes. If your child arrives in wellies, please ensure there is a change of shoes in their bag for inside use.

The church hall can be a bit cool at times, your child will need an indoor jacket, jumper, hoodie.

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

I would like to thank everyone who showed an interest in joining our committee and everyone who attended our AGM in October.

## 30 HOUR GOVERNMENT FUNDING

If your child is 3 or turning three before the **31st December 2022**, they may be entitled to the 30 hour government funding for the Autumn term. **This MUST be applied for by you before 31st December** at <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

**If your child is entitled to 30 hour funding next term, please can you let Helen know as soon as possible, if you haven't done so already, so we can secure the space for the Spring term.**

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Noah's Ark Christmas Party will take place within the morning session on the last day of the Autumn term, **Wednesday 21st December**.

This year we will be having a **Winter Wonderland party**. We will be having a christmas disco, party games and a visit from a special visitor (Ho Ho Ho).

All children are invited, even if your child does not usually attend on a Wednesday.

### CHILDREN WHO DO NOT ATTEND ON A WEDNESDAY

If your child does not attend on a Wednesday, you can pay for the additional morning session (£12.00) if you would like your child to attend the party. Please return the attached slip to let us know if your child will be attending as soon as possible.

## REMINDER - TAX FREE CHILDCARE

If you pay for your child's playgroup sessions you may be able to use the Tax Free Childcare.

If you are eligible, you just need to set up an account and for every £8 you pay into this account, the government will pay in £2 to use to pay your childcare provider.

Go to <https://www.gov.uk/get-tax-free-childcare> For further details.

For more information on 15 & 30 hour funding, tax free childcare and to check if you are eligible for help towards your childcare costs go to [Childcare costs: get £1,000s in tax credits & tax-free childcare - MSE \(moneysavingexpert.com\)](https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/tax-credits-and-tax-free-childcare)

## GRANTS FOR VETERANS

The Royal British Legion have launched a grant scheme for veterans and their families struggling with household bills. If you or a member of your household are in or are a veteran of the armed forces you can see if you are eligible here..

[Who We Help | Armed Forces Charity | Royal British Legion](#)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Wed 21st Dec 2022	CHRISTMAS PARTY
Wed 21st Dec 2022	Last day of Autumn term
<b>Thur 22nd Dec 22 - Tues 3rd Jan 23 - XMAS - CLOSED</b>	
Wed 4th Jan 2022	First day of Spring term 1
<b>Mon 13th Feb 23 - Fri 17th Feb 23 HALF TERM CLOSED</b>	
<b>Mon 20th Feb 2023</b>	<b>INSET DAY CLOSED</b>
Tue 21st Feb 2023	First day of Spring term 2
<b>Mon 3rd Apr 23 - Fri 14th Apr 23 - EASTER CLOSED</b>	
<b>Mon 17th April 2023</b>	<b>INSET DAY CLOSED</b>
Tue 18th April 2023	First day of Summer term 1 2023
<b>Mon 1st May 2023</b>	<b>BANK HOLIDAY CLOSED</b>
<b>Mon 8th May 2023</b>	<b>BANK HOLIDAY CLOSED (Kings Coronation)</b>
<b>Mon 29th May 23 - Fri 2nd Jun 23 HALF TERM CLOSED</b>	
<b>Mon 5th Jun 2023</b>	<b>INSET DAY CLOSED</b>
Tue 6th Jun 2023	First day of Spring term 2 2023
<b>Tue 25th July 2023</b>	<b>Last day of 2022/23</b>
<b>Wed 26th July 2023</b>	<b>CLOSED Summer Holidays</b>

[Nottinghamshire school holidays 2022-2023](#)