

Noah's Ark Playgroup

Spring term 2 Newsletter 2023

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OUR THEMES FOR THIS HALF TERM ARE

WEEK 1 & 2 HEALTHY EATING, SELF CARE, ORAL HYGIENE

WEEK 3 & 4 FAMILIES, OCCUPATIONS, PEOPLE WHO HELP US

WEEK 5 & 6 NEW LIFE, PLANTING, SPRING

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring term, we hope you all had a lovely half term break.

As the weather starts to change and hopefully the temperature rises, we will spend more time using our outside area. Though the sun is shining the weather can still be cold, please ensure your child arrives in suitable outdoor clothing for the forecast.

WE LOVED YOUR FEEDBACK

Thank you to all parents who submitted a parent evaluation questionnaire. The results have now been published and are available to read on Tapestry Journal, if you haven't done so already, please have a read.

We have received 13 replies regarding the interest in opening a Breakfast Club, if you are yet to submit a response, please can you do so as soon as possible so we can decide if this is a viable option for September.

You can find the online form on Tapestry Journal in the "Memos" section.

INSET DAY

Our next inset day will be on Monday the **17th April**, Playgroup will be **CLOSED**.

EARLY COLLECTION

If you need to collect your child early, please can you ensure that you let a member of staff know beforehand or via text. If you are collecting your child early can you ensure this is on or before 2.45pm. We have up to 30 children to get ready for home time, children leaving individually just before 3pm can become disruptive to our home time routine.

If you arrive after 2.45pm, please wait in the outside area and your child will exit with all the other children at 3pm. Can you please let any grandparents/family members that pick your child up know.

SNACKS

We are still getting a lot of children bringing oranges that they are unable to peel themselves. If your child can not peel an orange, please can you provide any oranges peeled and in a suitable container.

Cherry tomatoes also require cutting in half, preferably into quarters as they can be a choking risk.

REMINDER - TAX FREE CHILDCARE

We have noticed that a lot of parents are possibly eligible to use the Tax Free Childcare scheme. If you pay for your child's playgroup sessions you may be able to claim 20% of the fees back.

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.

If you are not a tax payer but your partner is, your partner should be eligible.

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-free-childcare)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Mon 3rd Apr 23 - Fri 14th Apr 23 - EASTER CLOSED

Mon 17th April 2023 INSET DAY CLOSED

Tue 18th April 2023 First day of Summer term 1

Mon 1st May 2023 BANK HOLIDAY CLOSED

Mon 8th May 2023 BANK HOLIDAY CLOSED (Kings Coronation)

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](#)