

# Noah's Ark Playgroup

Summer term 2 Newsletter 2023

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## OUR THEMES FOR THIS HALF TERM ARE

WEEK 2 & 3 FAMILY & SUPERHEROES

WEEK 4 & 5 GOING ON A BEAR HUNT & THE GRUFFALO

WEEK 6 & 7 THE SEASIDE & HOLIDAYS

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## WELCOME BACK

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

Now we are heading towards hotter weather, I wanted to remind you of our sun protection policy.

- Sun cream must be provided by the parent/carer.
- If you ask us to, we will top-up sun cream throughout the day, if required, though the initial application MUST be done by the parents and carers prior to attending.
- Sun Cream MUST be clearly labeled with your child's name and MUST be handed to a member of staff at drop off. (We are unable to check individual bags for sunscreen)
- Sun cream must have a minimum of SPF of 30
- Please provide additional protection for your child e.g. a hat (if possible, with neck protection)
- Children must attend in tops that cover the shoulder.
- If children attend the setting in sandals, they must wear socks to protect their feet. Can we also ask that your child does not attend in crocs or flip flops.
- If your child has come into the setting with no sun cream applied, the staff will limit the child's outdoor play for their own protection.

## STAFF NEWS

We would like to introduce you to our newest staff member, Milly. Milly is a qualified childcare practitioner and is looking forward to getting to know the children and parents.

I am also delighted to announce that Libby is expecting her first baby! Libby will be staying with us until the end of October when she will start her maternity leave. Congratulations Libby!

## INFORMATION THROUGH TAPESTRY

We have now deactivated our private Facebook account. All important information will now be delivered mainly by Tapestry, and also via email and text.

Tapestry is our quickest way to send a message out to all parents when needed and a great way to share group activities with you all as well as your child's development reviews and observations.

You will receive notifications for Tapestry Journal via email when a new memo or observation is uploaded that concerns your child(ren). If you would like help on how to use Tapestry Journal please get in touch. Please check Tapestry Journal regularly.

## INSET DAYS

I just wanted to emphasize that our inset days are always on the first day back after a half term, except after the Christmas holidays.

You can always view our inset days and term dates at the bottom of this newsletter, our newsletters are also available on our website in the Parent Hub. Our inset days are also always up dated on our website.

## END OF YEAR PARTY/GRADUATION

We will be holding our annual end of year party and graduation on our last day of term, Tuesday 25th July 2023.

If your child does not usually attend on a Tuesday, we will be in touch shortly with more details.

## CHANGE BAGS

As the weather is now getting warmer, we will have water play outside every day. All children must arrive with at least one full set of spare clothes in case they get wet from water play, spill a drink or have an accident.

## 30 HOUR GOVERNMENT FUNDING

Can I remind all parents receiving 30 hour funding to check your code expiry date. You may be required to reconfirm your funding for next term. CAN I REMIND ALL m. If you do not reconfirm your code, we are unable to claim your funding.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Tue 25th July 2023	Summer Party
Tue 25th July 2023	Last day of 2022/23
<b>Wed 26th July 2023</b>	<b>CLOSED Summer Holidays</b>
<b>Mon 4th Sept 2023</b>	<b>INSET DAY CLOSED</b>
Tue 5th Sept 2023	First day of autumn term 1
Fri 20th Oct 2023	Last day of autumn term 1
<b>Mon 23rd Oct - Fri 3rd Nov 2023 - CLOSED HALF TERM</b>	
<b>Mon 6th Nov 2023</b>	<b>INSET DAY CLOSED</b>
Tue 7th Nov 2023	First day of autumn term 2
Fri 22nd Dec 2023	Last day of autumn term 2
<b>Mon 25th Dec - Wed 3rd Jan 2024 - CLOSED XMAS</b>	
Thu 4th Jan 2024	First day spring term 1
Fri 9th Feb 2024	Last day spring term 1
<b>Mon 12th Feb - Fri 16th Feb 2024 CLOSED HALF TERM</b>	
<b>Mon 19th Feb 2024</b>	<b>INSET DAY CLOSED</b>
Tue 20th Feb 2024	First day spring term 2
Thu 28th Mar 2024	Last day spring term 2
<b>Fri 29th Mar 2024</b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY - CLOSED</b>
<b>Mon 1st Apr - Fri 12th April 2024 - CLOSED EASTER</b>	
<b>Mon 15th Apr 2024</b>	<b>INSET DAY CLOSED</b>
Tue 16th Apr 2024	First day summer term 1
<b>Mon 6th May 2024</b>	<b>CLOSED - BANK HOLIDAY</b>
Fri 24th May 2024	Last day summer term 1
<b>Mon 27th May - Fri 31 May 2024 - CLOSED HALF TERM</b>	
<b>Mon 3rd June 2024</b>	<b>INSET DAY CLOSED</b>
Tue 4th June 2024	First day summer term 2
Fri 26th July 2024	Last day of summer term 2

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