

# Noah's Ark Playgroup

Autumn 1 Newsletter 2021

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## WELCOME BACK!

Wow, where did summer go!

Welcome back to all our existing families and a big welcome to all our new starters.

Just a reminder that over the last year we have been developing our website and updating it with lots of information including calendar dates, external links to groups and organisations, Tapestry tutorials and lots more helpful advice and support.

We also have a **feedback form** within the Parent Hub. Your feedback helps us to ensure our service is what parents hope for and expect from a playgroup, it is relevant to parents needs and above all it is a positive, happy and educational experience for your child. This then helps us to improve and develop within the setting. If you could spare a few minutes, we would really appreciate some current parent feedback.

You can also fill in a holiday form or use the contact form for any queries or questions you may have.

You can visit our website at  
[www.noahsark-kimberley.org.uk](http://www.noahsark-kimberley.org.uk)

If you have any suggestions of information you would like to see available online, please send us a quick text or email or speak to a staff member in playgroup.

## 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. Also if your child currently attends and you would like more sessions please speak to Helen.

## New Committee

At our summer AGM our chair, Deb, and treasurer, Bethanie, stepped down from our Committee. Ally, our existing secretary stepped up as Chair and we welcomed new committee members Rebecca (treasurer), Hannah (secretary) and Shanon as a committee member along with our other existing committee member, Charlotte. We would like to thank you all for your commitment to playgroup and look forward to working with you in the future.

## Macmillan Coffee Morning

With a new appointed committee and the easing of covid restrictions we have decided to host a Macmillan Coffee Morning on **Friday 1st October**.

This is a great way to meet our new committee, chat to staff, take a look inside the setting which many of you have not been able to do previously and hopefully raise some funds.

**If you would like to donate cakes (homemade or shop bought) please can you let a member of staff know and bring them with you on the day.**

If you have friends or family members with young children who are thinking of enrolling with a playgroup, please bring them along for a look around and a chat with staff.

If your child is in playgroup that day but you are unable to attend, you can send some money in so they can buy a cake. Cakes will be 50p. Please send any money in a sealed envelope with your child's name clearly written on it.

## 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.

## 30 HOUR GOVERNMENT FUNDING

Please remember that if your child is 3 or turning three before the **31<sup>st</sup> December 2021**, they may be entitled to the 30 hour government funding for the Spring term. This must be applied for by you before **31<sup>st</sup> December** at <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>  
If you have any queries please see Helen.

## ALL WEATHER CLOTHING

September so far has stayed nice and warm, as lovely as the sunshine is, as we move into Autumn children will need to be prepared for the changing weather. We use our outside area in all weather (the rain does not keep us inside!) we also take walks to the local shops or to the nature trail. Can you please ensure if the weather cold or wet that your child is dressed in appropriate clothing with a suitable coat and footwear.

## EMERGENCY INFORMATION & TAPESTRY CONSENT

If your child is an existing child from last term, you will soon receive a copy of the details we have on file for your child. Please can you take time to check the details, amend/add any details where necessary and sign and return to us as soon as possible.

We will also be handing out an Image Consent Form in line with the Data Protection Act 2018 to update the consent you give us to photograph your child and make uploads to Tapestry. Again, please read through, fill in the form and return to us as soon as possible.

If you have any questions regarding this, please get in touch.

## INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS

JSP Photography will be at Playgroup on **Thursday 2nd December** to take individual photographs of the children.

Photos will be ready for Christmas.

If you would like your child to have an individual photograph but your child does not attend on a Thursday, you will be able to bring your child along and we will endeavour to make sure all children with waiting parents are photographed first.

If you have any siblings that you would like to include in your child's photograph, you are welcome to bring them along on the day.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Fri 1st Oct 2021	Macmillan Coffee Morning
<b>Mon 18th Oct - Fri 29th Oct 21 - Half term - CLOSED</b>	
Mon 1st Nov 2021	<b>INSET DAY - CLOSED</b>
Tue 2nd Nov 2021	1st Day of Autumn Term 2
Thurs 2nd Dec 2021	Individual Photographs
<b>Mon 20th Dec - 31st Dec 21 - Xmas hol - CLOSED</b>	
Mon 3rd Jan 2022	<b>BANK HOLIDAY - CLOSED</b>
Tue 4th Jan 2022	1st Day of Spring term
<b>Mon 14th Feb - Fri 18th Feb 22 Half term - CLOSED</b>	
Mon 21st Feb 2022	<b>INSET DAY - CLOSED</b>
Tues 22nd Feb 2022	1st Day of Spring term 2
<b>Mon 4th Apr - Thur 14th Apr 22 - Easter - CLOSED</b>	
Fri 15th Apr 2022	<b>Good Friday - CLOSED</b>
Mon 18th Apr 2022	<b>Easter Monday - CLOSED</b>
Tue 19th Apr 2022	<b>INSET DAY - CLOSED</b>
Wed 20th Apr 2022	1st Day of Summer term
Mon 2nd May 2022	<b>BANK HOLIDAY - CLOSED</b>
<b>Mon 30th May - Fri 3rd Jun 22 - Half term - CLOSED</b>	
Mon 6th June 2022	<b>INSET DAY - CLOSED</b>
Tues 7th June 2022	1st day of summer term 2
Thurs 28th July 2022	<b>Last day of 2021/22</b>

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/media/2319936/school-holidays-2021-2022.pdf>

## CHANGE BAGS & 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.
- 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