



NEWSLETTER

WELCOME TO THE ARK CENTRE

Welcome

We had a busy Spring Term at The Ark Centre, with three new children starting. We'd like to extend a very big welcome to Jack, Franklin and Jack to The Ark Centre. It's been great fun getting to know you and your families over the past couple of months.

Staff changes

We have had a slight shuffle around with staffing over the last couple of weeks. Liz, who did our Admin role, left at the end of March, so Chloe McCulloch has now taken over the admin duties part time alongside continuing to do the Behaviour Therapist role.

We are in the process of recruiting for another Behaviour Therapist, so look out for a new member of the team in the upcoming months.

Summer

As we head towards Summer, and the weather teases us with glimpses of sun and warmer times ahead, we are hoping to make more use of our outside area over the next few months. Please could you ensure your child has suncream and a hat in their bag, so that we can ensure children are fully protected against the sun if using the garden area. Many thanks.

Easter Holidays

Our children and staff had great fun during the recent Easter Holidays clubs. A great success was the trip to Thorndon for the Gruffalo trail. The children had such fun looking for each of the characters of the Gruffalo. Children also enjoyed a trip to White Elm Farm where they were able to feed the goats and play in the soft play area. The school readiness sessions were also a great success and the children did really well at practicing skills such as matching, identifying their own name, and following group instructions.

Hairdresser

Natalie Palmer, our local hairdresser, will be attending The Ark Centre once again on Wednesday 2nd May, for both morning and afternoon sessions. We will send out a reminder and consent forms shortly.

Term Dates

Just a reminder of our upcoming term dates:

Monday 16th April – Friday 25th May – Spring Term 1
 Monday 7th May – CLOSED for Bank Holiday
 28th May – 1st June – CLOSED for Half Term
 Monday 4th June – Friday 27th July – Spring Term 2

Sickness Policies

We feel it's always useful to remind you of our sickness policies, so just a reminder of the following minimum exclusion periods after illness, as recommended by the Health Protection Agency:

- Sickness/diarrhea – 48 hours after final bout
- High temperature – 24 hours
- Antibiotics prescribed – first 12 hours
- Chicken pox – 48 hours after all spots are scabbed over

Exciting News!

We are very excited to let you know that Laura Powell is pregnant with baby arriving in September! We'd like to wish her huge congratulations and can't wait for cuddles once baby arrives!

