



NEWSLETTER

WELCOME TO THE ARK CENTRE

Christmas Holidays

I know it seems a while ago now, but we hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas break! The children have returned on top form and are continuing to progress in their programmes brilliantly. Over the Christmas break, we had some stay and play sessions at The Ark, where children took part in group activities, messy play and enjoyed some Christmas arts and crafts.



Term Dates

Just a reminder of our upcoming term dates:

Friday 9th February – last day of this Half Term

12th – 18th February – Half Term

19th and 20th February – CLOSED for INSET days

February Half Term

We are running holiday clubs during the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Half Term. We're looking forward to some themed sessions at The Ark and a trip out swimming. The Thursday and Friday of Half Term we are closed for staff training.

Hairdresser

Last week we had a visit from a hairdresser who cut some of our children's hair, and it was a huge success. We are pleased to inform you that she will be coming every six weeks to provide haircuts for those children whose parents wish to have their hair cut. Dates to be confirmed shortly.

Staff Training

We are always keen to provide our staff with regular training to ensure our practice is of the highest standard. As you will be aware, we are closed on Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th February for staff training. Staff will be receiving Registered Behaviour Technician (RBT) training from our BCBA consultant Niall Conlan. This training will ensure we are all working to the same high standard and will give us each a qualification in the area in which we work. In order to receive RBT status, our staff must undertake 40 hours of training and pass a competency assessment and an exam.

Bucket

The children are continuing to enjoy our bucket programme. We change the topic of our buckets termly and always do a completely different bucket to ensure the children are engaging in exciting activities. This term we started off with a Pets theme which included activities such as riding the rocking horse and pretending to be a fish by swimming through the tunnel. Towards the end of this Half Term we moved on to learning about upcoming Chinese New Year and Valentine's Day, where we have made love potions and shaving foam cupcakes.



