



# NEWSLETTER

## WELCOME TO THE ARK

### Welcome

The team would like to say a huge welcome to our newest members to The Ark team – Ellie and Mae, who we're sure you'll meet very soon. We have lots of children starting in January, so a big welcome to them too!

### We are learning about...Christmas!

We have been thinking about Christmas over the last couple of weeks. The children have enjoyed Christmas themed 'buckets' where we've made snowflakes, Father Christmas and coloured in some beautiful Christmas pictures. The children have also been painting their hands to make reindeers.

### Social skills

We will be exploring our new topic through some social games. Here's what we are getting up to in the weeks leading up to Christmas:

- Pass the ice cube
- Chalk winter picture
- Snow on the snowman
- Snowing on you

### Snack

We will also be exploring our topic through snack and cooking. Here's what we are exploring and making:

- Reindeer cupcakes
- Snow biscuits
- Marshmallow Santa

### Monty

We are so pleased with how well the children are getting along with Monty, our therapy dog in training. They love playing with him in the gym, taking turns to throw him a ball, and sometimes take him for a walk.



### Christmas Party!

Just a reminder that on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December, we will be having a Christmas party. Christmas outfits/jumpers are very welcome!!

### Goodbye

We'd like to say a very sad goodbye to Jayden and his family who are leaving us this week to move to Dubai! We wish them lots of luck and happiness on their new adventures in Dubai.

### Reminder

A reminder that we are closed for sessions between 24<sup>th</sup> December 2016 and 8<sup>th</sup> January 2017. We are running holiday club half day sessions on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> January, and will re-open on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

### Merry Christmas!

From everyone at The Ark, we'd like to take this opportunity to wish all our children and families a very Happy Christmas. We have had a brilliant year with so many achievements from the children and can't wait to see how well they progress again next year!