



NEWSLETTER

WELCOME TO THE ARK CENTRE

Welcome

The start of the new term brought quite a few new faces here at The Ark. We have so far welcomed seven new children and one new member of staff, Lauren. All of our new children have settled in so well and we can't wait to see what this year brings for them. At the end of this month, we will welcome one more child and another member of staff to the team, Heidi.

Summer fun

Over the Summer holidays, we enjoyed some successful holiday club sessions, which involved Nursery and Schools skills sessions and some trips out into the community, including swimming, White Elm Farm and the Discovery Centre. We recently sent out feedback forms to gather your views on the holiday clubs that we run. It is still not too late to return these. We would be very appreciative of your feedback so that we can ensure we are providing holiday clubs that you would like for your children.

Hairdresser

Lauren, our new member to the team is a fully qualified hairdresser. If you are interested in your child having their hair cut during session time, free of charge, please do let a member of the team know or alternatively send over an email to admin@thearkcentre.org.

Bike ride

As you may be aware, recently a group of 30 cyclists undertook a mammoth challenge in order to raise funds for The Ark Centre. They cycled from Arc de Triomphe, Paris, to The Ark Centre at the beginning of September and raised over £58,000! This amazing amount of money will be put towards The Ark Centre expansion plan. See our Instagram page for photos of their trip.



Charity event

A date for your diaries! One of the amazing ladies who did the Arc to Ark bike ride is hosting an 80's and 90's fundraising event on Saturday 9th February 2019. Proceeds for this event will go to The Ark Centre. Further details will be shared shortly.

Term dates

Just a reminder of our upcoming term dates:

Tuesday 9th October – CLOSED for INSET day
 Friday 19th October – end of this half term
 Monday 22nd – Friday 26th October – CLOSED for Half Term
 Monday 29th October – term starts
 Friday 21st December – end of term

Term calendars have been emailed out to the parents, however, if you would like another copy, please let us know.

Sickness policies

As Winter is fast approaching, we feel it's a useful time to remind you of our sickness policies. 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

We ask that if your child hasn't attended school or nursery due to illness, you also don't send them to The Ark.