



# NEWSLETTER

## WELCOME TO THE ARK CENTRE

### Welcome

A very warm welcome back to all children, families, and staff after the Easter holidays.

As we broke up for the Easter holidays, we sadly had to say goodbye to a couple of children, Jack and Franklin. We wish them and their families all the very best for the future. We have recently welcomed Georgia to The Ark Centre. We are so excited to get to know her further and to see her learning journey in the coming months.

### A huge thank you!

We would like to express our appreciation and thanks to all the cyclists who took part in the Vietnam to Cambodia bike ride in February, riding 550kms. They raised an incredible £119,000 for The Ark Centre Charity! Thank you!

### Term dates

Just a reminder of our upcoming term dates:

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May - CLOSED due to Bank Holiday

27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May – Half Term

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July – last day of Summer Term

### Easter Holidays

Some of our children past and present joined us over the Easter Holidays for our Holiday club. They enjoyed themed sessions here at the Centre and trips out to Swimming, Barleylands Farm and a particular favourite was Danbury Lakes.



### 80's Charity Night

A last minute reminder of our upcoming fundraising event, with all funds raised going to The Ark Centre Charity. The event will be held on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April at Crowne Plaza, Five Lakes. Tickets cost £40 and include a welcome glass of prosecco, four glasses of wine, canapés, an auction and raffle, DJ and dancefloor until 2am. Fancy dress is optional but very much encouraged! If you are yet to buy tickets and would like to come along and join us, please contact [sophieclarke@live.com](mailto:sophieclarke@live.com) for tickets.

### Staff changes

At the end of the Spring Term, we said a very sad goodbye to Andrea Pike, to fulfill her wishes of spending more time with her family and her animals. She has been with us for over three years, so she will be missed hugely.

Helen Lowery leaves us on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April, to take up a role with CAMHS. We wish her all the very best of luck for the future and with her new role.

Chloe McCulloch leaves us on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May to start maternity leave and we are all very excited to meet her new arrival.