



WELCOME TO THE ARK CENTRE

KEY DATES

The last session of the year at The Ark Centre will be on the 23rd December 2021.

We will be returning to work and starting sessions on Wednesday 5th January 2022.

We hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2022.

VISUAL SUPPORTS AND SCHEDULES

Christmas can often be a confusing time of year for our children. With routine changes, unexpected visitors and lots of extra lights, sounds and people. We strongly recommend that all of our families take some extra time this holiday to support their children to understand what is coming next and what is expected from them. Even if your child appears to be coping well its always a good thing to give them access to those extra resources just to make sure. Objects of reference, photographs, symbols, first and then, visual schedules or checklists can all be useful depending on the individual needs of your child. If you would like some ideas and help just speak to your keyworker and we would love to support you to get this sorted in time for Christmas.

First



presents

Then



Dinner

GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS

We have made sure that we have included a variety of Christmas activities into our winter timetable to help prepare our children for Christmas. We have been decorating trees, engaging in themed messy play, labelling and finding the different things we might see at Christmas and lots of Christmas songs.



STAFF CHANGES

We are sad to say that Toni has finished her time at The Ark Centre as Maternity Leave cover for Laura, but thrilled to announce that she has agreed to stay on at The Ark Centre as holiday and sick cover. So, fear not you and your little ones will still be seeing her regularly at The Ark Centre.



GOOD LUCK

We are saying a temporary goodbye to our Co-founder, Manager and BCBA Emma Flaxman. She will be going on maternity leave from 23rd December 2021. Hoping to welcome a little boy into her life in early February 2022. The wonderful Luisa Holmes BCBA will be taking over from Emma in January 2022.



JOINING THE family **NEW STAFF MEMBER**

We are excited to introduce you to Laylah our new Behaviour Therapist. Laylah is starting in the beginning of December and will be working 5 mornings a week.