



Summer Term Newsletter

Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome back for the Summer term, I hope you all had a great Easter holiday and didn't eat too many Easter eggs! Myself, Abi and Alex have returned from our teaching placements and are all very pleased to be back. I would like to give a big thank you to Imogen, Jess and Tori for all their hard work whilst I have been away, it seems you have been having lots of fun with the lovely activities they planned for you.

Here are a few notices to keep you updated on what's happening at the Ark -

- Staff Updates

Tori (our 'acting' Play Leader in my absence as well as long-term Play Worker), has decided to further her experience in Childcare and been given the opportunity to work abroad as a Nanny. Tori has worked at the Ark for over 2 years and so we are very sad to see her leave, but we wish her all the best for the future!

If your child/ren's keyworker is Tori, then this will now be changed to an additional member of staff with whom your child has a strong relationship. This change will be with immediate effect and we will notify you of your child/ren's new keyworker.

- Notifications of absence/pick-ups/club attendance

If your child is going to be absent from an Ark session, picked up by another adult or attending a school-run after school club, please remember to notify us by call or text. The Ark mobile is not switched on until 2:45pm, but if you need to contact us during school hours please send us a text or leave an answerphone message. Once the phone is turned on, we will then reply via text message to confirm we have received your notification. For those of you who know there will be changes to your child's normal attendance in advance, you can always let us know during an Ark session, via email, phone or text.

This ensures we always know exactly how many children we are expecting and can begin the Ark session as quickly as possible, which means more time for playing and having fun!

- New Website!

The Ark After School Club now has a new website - www.thearkafterschoolclub.co.uk. Here you can find all necessary information concerning the Ark e.g. policies, procedures, our latest Ofsted Report as well as leave parent and child feedback. The Ark After School Club also has a new email address - enquiries@thearkafterschoolclub.co.uk, so please forward any queries you have to this address.

- Classroom Rota

The Ark Classroom rota will remain the same as last term, staying in set classrooms every week day. Please find a copy of the Ark rota below:

ARK - Monday 16th April - Friday 1st June 2012

Monday	Dragonfly
Tuesday	Wykeham
Wednesday	Austen
Thursday	Butterfly

(Back up - should the ARK require 2 classrooms) Millais

ARK - Monday 11th June - Monday 23rd July 2012

Monday	Nightingale
Tuesday	Alfred
Wednesday	Millais
Thursday	Swithun

(Back up - should the ARK require 2 classrooms) Butterfly

- Activity Plan

This term we have lots of exciting activities planned, have a look -

<u>Week Beginning</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Important Dates</u>
16 th April	Titanic - 100 year anniversary Craft: Junk Modelling- Boats Sensory: Water play with ice	15 th April 1912 - Titanic sunk
23 rd April	St. George Craft: Dragons Sensory: cornflour	23 rd April - St. George's Day 28 th April -National Astronomy Day
30 th April	Craft: windmills Sensory: Sand play	4 th May - National Fire-fighters Day 6 th May - Space Day
7 th May	Cooking: pizza for snack Sensory: Pasta	7 th May - Bank Holiday 7 th -13 th May - Children's Book Week 8 th May - VE Day
14 th May	Craft: balloon cars Sensory: Playdough	
21 st May	Cooking: Icing cakes/biscuits Sensory: crazy soap	
28 th May	Queen's Diamond Jubilee Craft: Crowns, flags, bunting Sensory: Jelly Play	5 th June - Queen's Diamond Jubilee
4 th June	HALF TERM	
11 th June	Father's Day Craft: Father's Day Gifts Sensory: porridge	17 th June - Father's Day
18 th June	Planting: Cress Seeds	21 st June - Summer Solstice

	Sensory: soap flakes	
25 th June	Wimbledon Outside: Tennis Cooking: Fruit Kebabs Sensory: cornflour	25 th June- 18 th July - Wimbledon
2 nd July	Olympics Outside: sports/ races Sensory: Water play Craft: Streamer sticks- gymnastics	4 th July - Independence Day
9 th July	St. Swithun Craft: Wind socks Sensory: Bubbles	15 th July - St. Swithun's Day
16 th July	End of Year Cooking: Chocolate chip cookies	

(Please note the Classroom Rota and Planning will also be displayed in the outdoor noticeboard.)