



Newsletter

January 2021

Winter Term

Happy New Year to you all. We hope you are all keeping safe and well and managed to have a good Christmas. Just a reminder that adults are not allowed to enter the building. Please ensure that you use the sanitizer provided at the entrance and wear a mask at drop off / pick up, keeping your distance from others appropriately.

Children

Welcome to all our new children and families that are starting with us. We know that this is not an easy time for you with the current guidance in place, which doesn't allow you access to the pre-school building. Rest assured that you will be contacted should your child become too unsettled during their session. It has been so lovely to see some of the existing children back at pre-school; we have really missed you all, not forgetting those that are staying at home. If you need to talk to your child's key-person at any time or have any questions or concerns, just ask.

Twinkl now has a Home Learning Hub which includes activities for pre-school aged children. It has fun games and daily activity ideas. This can be accessed on the following link: www.twinkl.co.uk/homelearning

Cbeebies is also launching a newsletter on Monday 11th January to support parents with helping their pre-schoolers at home. You can access the website at www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies where you will also find lots of fun games and activities you can do with your children, a 'toddler club' and BBC Bitesize 'Lockdown Learning' for your school aged children as well.

If you have not yet watched The Ark Christmas Nativity, a link and password was sent out via email at the end of last term. We know that this is not the same as coming in to watch your child in person, but we hope that you appreciate it, as the staff and children worked very hard practicing all the songs and putting this together for you to enjoy. Hopefully Christmas this year will be different!

IF YOUR CHILD HAS ANY OF THE SYMPTOMS RELATING TO COVID 19, (OR ANY COLD SYMPTOMS) DO NOT BRING THEM TO PRE-SCHOOL. KEEP THEM AT HOME, INFORM US OF THEIR ABSENCE AND GET THEM TESTED. PLEASE BE SURE TO LET US KNOW THE TEST RESULTS STRAIGHT AWAY.

Reminders:

Please remember to label ALL of your child's belongings, especially lunch and snack boxes, water bottles, coats and bags.

Do not allow your child to bring any toys from home into the pre-school.

Please remember to pack your child spare clothes, nappies, wipes and nappy sacks, as necessary.



Staff

We are currently keeping our number of staff members on site to a minimum that is necessary to operate. This enables us to minimize the risk of transmission of the virus and social distance better.

Currently, we have our Deputy and Safeguarding Lead (Michaela Ryan) and SENCo (Kezi Williams) working from home. You can contact them directly via email should you need to:

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Useful information

www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test

www.ark-preschool.co.uk

Please look out for our website QR code at the entrance (coming soon)!

www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare





