

Noah's Ark News

Supporting children and families with God's love and practical care

January 2019

News from the Rooms

Orange Room

This term we will be sharing the story 'One Ted fell out of Bed' by Julia Donaldson. We have chosen 6 songs and rhymes that we are going to be learning with the children, there is a list beside our Blackboard outside the Orange room. We are encouraging the children to plan what they are going to choose to do after snack time by using a 'Now and Next' board. The children have a photo of themselves which they can put beside a picture of the activity they would like to do next. Ask one of the team if you would like to know more.

Yellow Room

This term we will be exploring the story 'One is a Snail, Ten is a Crab' by April and Jeff Sayre. We will use this story for counting games. We will be encouraging number recognition through purposeful use of numbers within various role play areas this term starting with a vet's clinic next week. If you have any spare cat/small animal carriers that the children could play with then please let us know!

Both Rooms

This term both rooms will be looking at the Bible story 'The Lost Sheep'. We will use this story to explain to the children how we are all special and loved even when we don't make the best choices for ourselves. We will support children in using a problem solving approach to conflict resolution.

We will be inviting Mel Curren to come back to continue sharing some Godly Play sessions with us.

As you know there is some disruption on the roads around pre-school with water work maintenance. We are excited to seize the chance to take the children to the front of the church to watch what is going on and we have invited a digger to visit Noah's Ark next week!

Happy New Year

All of us at Noah's Ark would like to wish you a very Happy New Year. Chinese New Year is early February this year and is the year of the 'pig'. If any of you usually celebrate this we would love it if you would come into a circle time to tell the children about how you celebrate it and what this celebration means to you.

News from The Office and CRBC



- Welcome back everyone to 2019. You all should have received an invoice for this term. If you have not please do let me know so that I can check we have correct details for you.
- If your child is claiming extended funding (30 hours) please can you renew your code when you receive notification from HMRC and let the office know when this is done.
- The Nearly new sale team will be emailing out soon about the next sale on the 30th March. So if you would like a seller slot or are able to help please do look out for this email.

Diary Dates

- Coffee and Croissants 8.45-10.00 on **Wed 13th March**
- Parents Evening; **Monday 4th March; 4-6pm**
- Next Nearly New sale is **30th March 10 – 12pm.**

E Safety With Your Child



Jackie Millward (Orange Room) is our E-safety Coordinator. The main advice that we are being given is to highlight the importance of dialogue with children from an early age about what they are watching or playing on a screen and to engage with them. Watch programmes and play games together, discuss if they liked it or not, what made them happy, or sad etc. Is it ok for something bad to happen etc? Young children still very much respect what their main carer/parent has to say or think about things and it's important to make children aware of not only the fun they can have but that they must learn that the internet is not a 'friend' and it's not a replacement for talking to people. The parents/carer needs to take control and be in charge of their child's internet usage and understand and 'check in' to see what games their child is playing. For more info do check out the following website link on www.internetmatters.org or do chat to Jackie.

Book Loan Scheme

Do remember our book loan scheme – if you are unsure then ask any staff member. It can be so enriching for you child to borrow books and enjoy them with you at home!

Key Person Role

We are very lucky to have a strong team of practitioners at Noah's Ark. Many of us work part-time but there is always overlap between staff so that messages can be communicated and passed on where appropriate. We all work very closely together and meet at the start and end of each day to chat through our provision, the needs of individual children and any other issues that may have arisen. If your child doesn't see his/her Key Person on each of their sessions, please do not worry as we all work hard to know the children and it can be helpful for them to make connections with many staff. The Key Person is your first point of contact with whom to share any issues with and completes your child's Learning Diary but we all feed in observations into these. Do chat to Sophie or Jane if you have any questions.

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Mobile Phones

Please can we gently remind you that for safeguarding reasons, Noah's Ark is a **mobile free zone**. If you need to take/make a call then please go outside away from the children or use the office.



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