

Noah's Ark News

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

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Pre-school News Introducing...Breakfast Club



We will be trialling out a Breakfast Club from the start of Term 5. This will run Monday -Thursday from 7.45-8.45 AM. Children will be offered a choice of cereal and toast with a drink. The cost per session will be £5. The session will be in the Orange room and will be run by two members of the Noah's Ark team.

If you would like to put your child's name down to take up one of these sessions please let the office know as we have limited spaces available.

More E-safety...



We will be giving out paper copies of a document called 'Keeping Under fives safe Online' with 8 top tips that you can put in place at home to help keep young children safe online.



Tennis balls...

We are looking for tennis balls to go down our water wall and guttering – if you have any spare tennis balls lurking at home and you are willing to donate them to us we would hugely appreciate it.

Diary Dates

- End of Term: Fri 15th Feb 2019
- Coffee and croissants: **Wed** 13th March; 8.45-10AM
- Sat 30th March Nearly New Sale; 10-12 pm
- Easter Special event for Noah's Ark Families: Monday 1st April; 4pm

News from The Office and CRBC



- **LITTLE EXPLORERS** will be launching on Tuesday 26th February through in the church People are welcome to come at 9.15 am to pray and the group will start at 9.30am and finish at 11am. Families will be able to access sensory play activities along with other weekly craft activities. The cost is a suggested donation of £3.50. Café will continue once the session has finished and you are welcome to stay for lunch.

Our New Blocks and Step

We are excited to have purchased a set of Community Playthings Outblast Blocks for our Green Garden space. The children already have been engaged in constructing and building with them. A local friend Lee who is part of a group which supports adults with learning difficulties has been into Noah's Ark and has kindly built us a new step down into the garden. Below you can see Lee helping one of the children down his new step. Thank you Lee!



Water Bottles...



As part of our reflective practice, we have been thinking about how to encourage the children to drink **more** water. Not only is water essential, experts believe that many children do not drink enough and so are more likely to suffer from conditions such as constipation. In fact the charity ERIC recommend that children drink 6-8 cups of water based drinks a day. We already have cups and water jugs available for the children but only a few children tend to access this. We have decided to ask for **all** children to bring in a filled water bottle labelled with their name each session. Children will always have access to their bottle. Children will then take them home after each session to wash and return refilled. Often children can be more likely to drink from a familiar bottle from home than a cup supplied here.

We plan to start this straight after half term!

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