

Noah's Ark News

September 2019

News from the Rooms

Welcome to back to all of our returning families and a special welcome to all of our new families. We are really excited about spending lots of time with your children.

A reminder of Session times

Morning session times: 8.45-11.45

Afternoon session times: 12.30-3.30

Lunch Club: 11.45-12.30

Both rooms will be focusing on settling the children and familiarising them with the routines and resources in the rooms. The children will soon get to know all of the Noah's Ark staff team including Sophie T and Kathy in the office and Maki the church minister.

Family Books

If you are a new family to us we would love it if you could bring/email in a family photo of you with your child so that we can put it in our Orange and Yellow Family books. These proved hugely popular last year. If you want to update last year's photo feel free too.

Please don't hesitate to ask staff any questions you might have—they are always happy to chat through any concerns.



News from the Office

- Welcome to all our returning and new families. Invoices are being sent out this week, please do check your spam folder and let the office know if you have not received one.
- Noah's Ark has a facebook page which we are constantly posting updates about the exciting things going on here at pre-school. So please do follow us.
- If your child is staying for lunch club, please make sure that you pre-cut all cherry tomatoes and grapes length-wise to minimise the risk of choking.
- Also Thank you for remembering that Noah's Ark is a nut free zone including avoiding pesto and other products with 'hidden' nuts.

Diary Dates



- Little Explorers toddler group; Every Tuesday in the church; 9.30-11.00
- Life Explored; Starting Thursday 19th September; 10-11.30am
- Coffee and Cake for Noah's Ark families; Mon 23rd Sept; 2-3.30pm
- Nearly New Toy and Clothes Sale; Sat 19th October
- Parents Evening; Monday 21st October; 4-5.30pm
- End of Term 1: Friday 25th October
- Start of term; Monday 4th November

Would you be interested in a parenting course/One off workshop?

We are currently trying to gauge whether parents would be interested in either a parenting course or maybe attending the occasional 'one-off' workshop which tackle issues such as bedtimes, potty training, eating and sleeping. Maybe there are some other burning issues that you would find it helpful to discuss. Do let us know by emailing office@noahsarkps.org.uk

Life Explored

Cairns Rd church will be running a 'Life Explored' group on **Thursday mornings** from **19th Sept; 10-11.30AM**.

Sessions will include thought provoking films and opportunity to share thoughts and ideas and explore life and faith together in a relaxed setting. Children are welcome to come and play in café. Complimentary cake and drink provided.

New routines and settling in...



- Here are a few tips and things to remember to help your child settle at Noah's Ark:
- When you arrive look out for your child's peg near the toilets to hang their bag (with spare clothes/nappies etc) and then support your child to find their magnetic name card on the hall-way board. They can then pop it on the board in their room to self register.
- **Please write name labels on your child's coat, bag, water bottle and lunch box.**
- Coats can be hung up in the main Pre-school rooms
- Look out for the member of staff wearing the rainbow sash each session. This is the 'Overseer' for the session who will be taking the register and the person to chat to if you need to pass on some information about your child or if someone different from normal is collecting them etc.
- Whilst we don't actively encourage children to bring in special items from home as they could get lost we also recognise that this can be an important part of their separation from carer process and so each child in the Orange Room has a little plastic pot clipped onto the wall to pop their 'special things' in e.g. muslin/cuddlies etc. Children in the Yellow Room are still able to bring in special toys but we advise that they ask an adult to pop them in a 'safe' place as we can't guarantee where they may have 'walked to' by the end of the day!
- Please ensure that you collect your child on time at the end of a session as even a short delay can cause distress for your child. If you are running late then do phone into the office to let us know so that we can explain to your child.
- Feel free to chat through any concerns with your child's Key Worker or Jane or Sophie at any time. Try not to let any worries build up and if a longer conversation is needed we can arrange an appropriate time to do so.
- Come to the Coffee and chat termly gatherings- meet other Noah's Ark families.
- Once your child has settled into Noah's Ark, do come and stay and play for a session with your child anytime after the October half term. Younger siblings are welcome to come too and this can prove to be a special time for your child as you get to see what goes on in a session.

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