

# Noah's Ark News

18 September

## Welcome Back

As we approach the end of the second full week back it has been lovely to see the children settling into their groups and enjoying the fine weather. They have particularly enjoyed collecting minibeasts in pots. Woodlice are the most abundant! Many children have enjoyed scooping and transporting corks with the digger and dumper trucks outside, as well as simple listening games such as guessing which animals make which noises.

The children have been amazing adapting to our new procedures to keep Covid safe with plenty of hand washing and dividing into smaller groups where possible. We are satisfied with our decision to revert to one bubble, which is in line with many Bristol Pre-school settings. Both children and adults had felt pressure trying to keep the two groups completely separate. By returning to free flow play, the children have gained some independence as they choose what to do and as a result seem happier and more relaxed. We still try to keep the two rooms separate for lunch times and Thinking Time.



## Bird Watching

We are all becoming birdwatchers at Noah's Ark, the children have been divided into groups according to their room and age to make Thinking Time activities more accessible. Yellow Room is Woodpeckers and Robins, Orange room is Owls and Kingfishers. Did you know that there is a picture of their bird on each child's name badge? Do you know which bird is which?

## Allergies

We have a number of children with severe allergies at the moment. Whilst we have been a nut free setting for many years, we would like to take the opportunity to remind you of the need to keep children's lunches free from nuts. We use the term nuts in its broadest sense and include hummus (which contains sesame) and pesto (which contains pine nuts) Please also look out for some crackers and bread which may contain sesame seed. Thank you for your support in this.

## Staying Connected

We appreciate that it is difficult for parents and carers at the moment as you cannot come into the setting. We are always willing to talk at the gate or by telephone, but we miss "open door" ethos and we are sure you do too. If you have not already done so, please have a look at our Facebook page, where we try to show some of the lovely things the children have been doing. If you feel able to follow, like or review our page, that raises our profile and would be much appreciated.

Enjoy the weekend

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