

Noah's Ark News

7th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and welcome to those families of children who have started at Pre-school this term, we look forward to getting to know you and your children over the coming weeks. It's been lovely seeing the children settling back after the Christmas break. As always they have been very creative. There has been lots of painting, the children have been especially interested in the different colours and how to mix them.

We have also been using our Black Mat resources this week. For those that



aren't familiar, these are "real world" items which the children explore carefully placing them on a Black Mat. This is a resource which we can open for a small group of children with an adult. The children each have a black mat on to which to place their chosen resource to play and this represents 'their space' which they can choose to use just for themselves or with a peer. The resources in this room are all 'real' e.g.

real garlic presses and garlic, iron and brass weights and scales, jugs and goblets for filling up and pouring water into and real jewellery to sort and arrange. These are just a few of the resources the children use.

The weather has certainly turned colder this week, so can we remind you to ensure that your child comes to Pre-school with suitable clothing including named coats as well as, hats and gloves. Layers work best .

You may have had some new digital devices over the Christmas period. There is lots of information online to help your children learn good habits and stay safe. The website Internet Matters has a section aimed specifically at the under 5's. <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/0-5/#related>. Their tips about sharing images online are attached on page 2.

Have you seen our Facebook Page?

Do take a look and follow us to get updates about what we are up to during the week., information about Early Years and activities and events.

Best wishes for the weekend.

The Noah's Ark Team



Makaton sign of the week

We are all using Makaton to support Children's language and understanding. Our sign of the week is "Mummy" For a video showing this sign see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-OOZxDWYow8>



Tips to share children's milestone moments safely

If you are proud of your children, protect them when sharing images of them online



1 Review privacy settings on social account

Get in control of who can see your photos by applying the right privacy settings. For an extra level of privacy explore setting up a private social network group with friends and family.



2 Check your network of friends

Make sure you are happy that all your 100+ friends who will see your photo are actual friends. If not, consider only sharing with a select group of people.



3 Remember profile photos are public

Take a second look at the picture before you post it to make sure it doesn't reveal any personal details like your road or house number or their school name.

4 Get permission if image features other kids

Posting a picture of their birthday, the first day at school or another milestone event in your child's life which features their friends? It's always better to ask the other parents before posting.



5 Managing your child's digital footprint

If you've posted an image of your child from their first prenatal scan to their first day at nursery, it's important to consider how this will affect them in the future. As they get older seek their permission before posting.

Helping parents keep their children safe online.

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