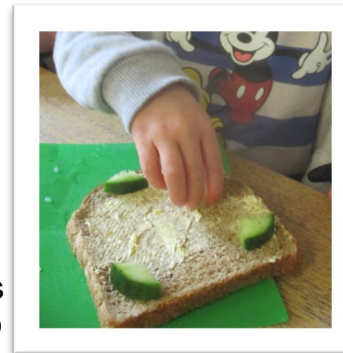
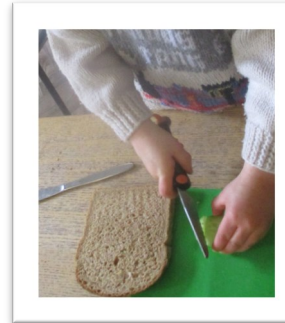


Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy final week of term here at Noah's Ark. The children have been making cucumber sandwiches which involved them using their fine motor skills to spread the butter and slice the cucumber and then fold over to make the sandwich. Some children have chosen to enjoy their sandwich here whilst others have wanted to take theirs home to show you what they have made.



In between the rain, we have continued with our planting this week with the children making use of the new gardening tools we have recently bought to plant potatoes. We look forward to watching them grow over the coming months.



On Tuesday we had our Easter Special and it was so lovely that so many of our families were able to come along. Children were able to have a play with their grown ups and make a floral hanging egg and do some marble painting before going through to the church. Here we heard about how Jesus is a special King and the children made crowns to show this. Everyone then enjoyed hot cross buns.

Maki has been here for thinking time this week to tell the children the story of Jesus and the big picnic. He made bread and the children got the opportunity to taste the bread as he told the story.

Also have you seen our piece in the latest issue of the Henleaze and Westbury Voice, in case not its overleaf. Keep a eye out on the BS9 and BS6/B8 community magazines too.

We want to wish all our families a lovely Easter and we look forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday 17th April when we are back for the summer term.

The Noah's Ark Team.



NOAH'S ARK PRE-SCHOOL RETAINS ITS OFSTED OUTSTANDING



Noah's ark pre-school is delighted to have retained its Outstanding rating following a recent Ofsted inspection. The Managers, Jane and Sophie are thrilled that Ofsted have once again recognised the unique and special place that Noah's Ark Pre-school is for young children and their families. In fact, to quote Ofsted, **'Parents report that it is very much a 'Noah's Ark' family that you join when your child attends the setting' and 'children flourish in this exceptional pre-school.'**

The staff have been recognised as **'highly skilled delivering excellent learning opportunities in small groups to help support children with their communication and language and personal, social and emotional development.'**

As a parent said, **'Ofsted have confirmed for us what we**



already knew.'

During their inspection, Ofsted were able to experience the rich environment in which the children learn and grow with opportunities for learning both inside and out ranging from food exploring, woodwork, open-ended 'real' everyday resources such as padlocks and keys, coins and buttons to name just a few. This holistic early years' experience for 2-4 year olds is key to their success.



Jane and Sophie are incredibly proud of their team and the 'extra mile' that they all choose to go on to support the children and their families and are delighted that Ofsted could see this shine through and acknowledged this in their report by saying **'The managers and staff are exceptionally passionate about giving children the best start in life.'**

The team are excited about the next chapter for Noah's

Ark as we reflect on what we want to do next. We will be developing more opportunities for local trips for our children to explore the environment around Pre-school as part of both their physical and personal and social development. A key value for us is that of 'fostering a love of the natural world' and so we plan to build on our planting and growing experiences for the children so that they can begin to understand the importance of caring and nurturing the world in which we live.'

Noah's Ark is currently taking applications for September 2024, if you are interested in arranging a visit, please contact us on **0117 9446229** or email **office@noahsarkps.org.uk**. We look forward to showing you what we can offer your child.