



The Ark
Newsletter
April 2017



We would like to welcome all of our new children and families to the nursery. We hope you all enjoy your time with us here at The Ark, please remember you are welcome to phone, email or pop in to nursery at any time.

The Ark Family Walks

Liz is continuing with these and has planned the next ones. Everyone is invited to come along and join in. Each will have a **10am start** any queries or directions speak to Liz.

Saturday 20th May – Nipstone Rock meet in the carpark (straight on from Bog Centre).

Saturday 1st July – Attingham Park meet at the main entrance.

School Leavers

Congratulations to all pre-school children who now know where they will be going to school. Over the next 8 weeks or so the children's teachers will be coming to nursery to meet your children and then there will be visits to their chosen schools. You will receive an information pack from the school, with all visit dates and necessary information.

Parents Evening – May 4th

On May 4th between 6.15pm and 7.45pm we will be having our parents evening. It is a lovely opportunity to chat to your child's key person and spend some time looking at what they get up to whilst at nursery. Please could you return the reply slip so that we know who will be coming. You are welcome to pop in at any time during the evening as we don't operate a time slot. If you are unable to attend please remember you can have a chat at any time.

Family Photos

The children love seeing photos of their families on our nursery walls. They are able to pull them off and stick them on the wall so we laminate them to make them last longer, however we do need to replace them every so often so please could we ask you to send new ones in. You can email them to us and we will print them off for you. (nursery@arkchildcare.co.uk)

30 hours free childcare a week

Great news for working parents - in September 2017 all 3 and 4 year old children with parents who work for 16 hours a week or more will be eligible for 30 free hours of childcare for 38 weeks a year (or 1140 hours a year.) Children whose parents don't work 16 hours a week or more will still be eligible for the 15 free hours that are currently available. 2 year old funding is still available to low income families and will remain at 15 hours a week. We are just awaiting confirmation as to how you apply for this extra funding and will let you know as soon as we know.

Message from all rooms – don't forget you can update or add photos to your children's PEEP BOOK – the children love them!

Outings

After a very successful trip to the Stiperstones Nature Reserve with 25 pre-school children, we will be planning another trip for the Summer Term. The children were a credit to you all, they were beautifully behaved and loved looking at frogs spawn, buzzards, hoof prints and lots of sheep!!

Warm regards

Roz, Clare and all the staff at The Ark