

News from the Nursery

Thank you to everyone who donated an Operations Christmas Child Show box this year, we managed to collect 20 shoe boxes in total.



The Pre School have been very busy writing letters and drawing pictures for their new friends. We have developed a Pen Pal approach with two other nurseries, one in London

and one in Dubai. We hope to continue building relationships with other settings so that the children can learn about the wider community and world around them. (please see our display in the main hallway)

Get involved

Wednesday 13th December – Christmas Cheer Stay and Play: come and join the children for some Christmas crafts

Tuesday 19th December – Christmas Party

Thursday 21st December – Pre School

Christmas play

w/c 15th January – the children will be preparing to celebrate **Ati Atihan** by making colourful head bands and props ready for our nursery carnival

19th January – we will be having our **Ati Atihan carnival** at nursery, please dress your children in bright and colourful clothing



Parents as Partners in Learning

This month's leaflet is about **Happy children, Happy parents**. It considers how parents can support their children to recognise and name their feelings, to enable children to communicate their feelings rather than acting them out.

A copy of this leaflet can be found in the leaflet dispenser in the main hallway.

Policy of the month fact

Separated Families - we recognise that when parents separate it can be a difficult situation for all involved. We understand that emotions may run high and this policy sets out how we will support everyone including our staff team. If the parents of a child are married to each other at the time of the birth, or if they have jointly adopted a child, then they both have parental responsibility. Parents do not lose parental responsibility if they divorce, and this applies to both the resident and the non-resident parent.

Staff News and training:

We would like to welcome Lisa Polatci to the team, she will be working alongside the existing practitioners in the Baby unit as well as getting to know the children from across the setting.

We are sad to say goodbye to Margaret from Kids Club who has decided to spend some more time with her family. We would also like to wish Shelley Mandy and Zoe all the best as they have taken time off for Maternity leave. While Zoe is off Carly will take over as acting manager.

There has been lots of interesting training and staff development opportunities recently, Shelby has completed Phonics in the Early Years training, while Carly and Leanne have been learning about how to develop environments that allow children to have risky play while remaining safe. Congratulations to Angie, Shannon and Ana who completed their Paediatric training which now means all Noah's Ark practitioners hold a full and relevant paediatric First Aid qualification.

Safeguarding update

The Home Office has published statistics on the number of individuals referred to Prevent programmes to safeguard vulnerable individuals who are at risk of radicalisation in England.

At Noahs Ark all practitioners complete training through NCALT to develop an understanding about recognising signs of radicalisation and extremism, they also complete in house Safeguarding training to further develop an understanding of the importance of reporting in a timely and appropriate manner.

Additionally, we can contact our local prevent team on 01606 362 121.

Christmas Closing

We close on Friday 22nd December and reopen on Tuesday 2nd January, we hope you all have a lovely Christmas and a fantastic New Year.

Important

We would like to remind all parents of

- The settings strict **no phone** policy, it is important that calls are finished and phones are put away before entering the building, this is for the safety of all the children at Noah's Ark
- The **speed at which they enter and leave the car park** so that we can ensure the safety of all users especially the children.
- The need to **close all doors behind you** even when entering a room to collect or drop off a child, please ensure the door is fully closed until you are ready to leave and that your **child is always with you** to ensure their continued safety. If you have any suggestions for events or would like to speak to us, please do not hesitate.

The Noah's Ark Team