

***Noah’s Ark Newsletter January 2016***

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back from the Christmas holidays! Also, a very warm welcome to all new parents and children who are joining us throughout January! We hope that you and your children will enjoy their pre-school experience at Noah’s Ark.

A few photos of recent events have been added to our website. The videos of our Christmas performance are a bit trickier to add and we hope that this is solved very soon.

This Spring term’s topic is around winter themes and incorporates winter sports, weather, stories, animals and their habitats. All themes will be adjusted according to the children’s interest. This term, we are concentrating on showing each other respect when waiting our turn, sharing resources and looking after each other under Personal, Social and Emotional Development. We will look at numbers beyond 10 for Maths development. Under Literacy development we will be exploring the sound of the first letter of their names. You can support these activities by encouraging your child to be helpful around the house, count out items in the kitchen such as cutlery and play I-spy with them, for example I spy something beginning with the sound A.

**Friends of Noah’s Ark Pre-school Disco Saturday 5th March**

We are looking for co-ordinators for the annual Disco event which is the next Friends of Noah's Ark fundraising effort! These events are vital to our fundraising!  All monies are spent on equipment, books etc. for our children.

Without your help, the children will go without!  Your help would be voluntary, but it is very rewarding and a great way to meet other parents. We will be meeting at La Moda café (opp. M&S) Tolworth Broadway on Thursday, 14th January 2016 at 9am. If you plan to attend (or cannot attend the meeting but would love to help) please kindly let Tara (Jedidiah’s mum)

know at: [tara.lajumoke@gmail.com](mailto:tara.lajumoke@gmail.com) by Wednesday, 13th of January. Thank you.

**Fundraising**

Our fundraising activities were very successful with the Santa’s sleigh, photo frames, decorations and photographer. The total amount raised was around £684. As mentioned before, we are raising money for a communication/storage corner in the playground and this will go towards the project. Many thanks for your generosity and support in all our fundraising activities. ☺

**Dates**

**Cake sale** – 5th February 2016

**Parents Consultation Meeting** – 1st March 2016 afternoon

**Disco –** 5th March 2016

**Coffee morning and afternoon –** 18th March

**Parking**

A few parents have voiced their concern that some parents are driving onto the church grounds either too fast or without looking for a proper space. Please avoid driving onto the grounds at all times. Children often run ahead and this is particularly dangerous when parking next to the pre-school or driving around whilst children leave the building.

**Forms, Invoices and Donations**

Funding forms, donation requests and invoices will be sent out this week. The funding forms need to be returned as soon as possible clearly stating the number of hours claimed. Many thanks in advance.

Many thanks for reading our newsletter.

Bettina Campion

Pre-school Manager