



## Noah's Ark Newsletter 2025

Dear Parents,

I trust that you are all well!

A very warm welcome to our new families at Noah's Ark Pre-school. We hope that you all enjoy our lovely pre-school community.

This term we are concentrating on weekly stories and build suitable activities around these. With our new starters in mind, we will also reinforce the rules and routines of the pre-school and working towards confidence, e.g. giving them tasks and independence, e.g. putting on their coats themselves. To support this process please try and do this at home too.

This term we will also include Science week in our weekly planning.

Thank you for reading our newsletter.

Bettina Champion

### Communication and language skills - weekly library

In order to help further develop the children's communications skills we are starting again our weekly library. Each child will be given a book to take home. We hope that parents will be able to read the book with their child and return it a week later. Every week your child should get a different book. We hope to develop good listening skills, the learning of new words and being able to remember or retell a story.

### OLI school visit 4.2.25

Some of our children, who will join Our Lady Immaculate school, were invited to a taster session with the reception classes today. We were greeted with lots of smiles and big hugs from former Noah's Ark children who are now in Reception. The children were encouraged to play either indoors or in the outside area. It was a wonderful experience and the promise was made to invite us again soon. We are hoping that this will ease transition from pre-school to big school.

### **Healthy lunch award**

This month's winner of a healthy lunch is Benjamin

Well done for eating lots of healthy fruit 😊



### **Kitchen inspection by Kingston Council**

Once more we were awarded the full 5 stars. Our next inspection will only be in 3 years time. Well done to all!

### **Working in Partnership with Parents (Healthy food and toilet training)**

Since gaining our Bronze award for HEYL (Healthy Early Years London), we have made many changes to the food we offer and the activities involving food preparation. There are still some children who receive crisps or sweets as treats along with fruit juices. These are not recommended for children's lunches. Water as a drink will be supplied by us, no need to buy bottles. If you need further information on snacks or lunches, please refer to [Healthier snacks - Food facts - Healthier Families - NHS](#)

Toilet training can be a lengthy process and we are happy to help once you start your child in pull ups. The age range where toilet training should be introduced is at least 18 months to 2 years according to the NHS. The website ERIC has useful tips on how to start this process. If you need more information or help please talk to us.

### **Pre-school's Playground improvement**

We are presently ordering some equipment for the playground using the money we have received through your generous donations. Recent reports from Ofsted and the press highlighted a lack of physical skills such as going up stairs. We will invest in some step equipment to benefit all children outside

### ***Dates for your diary***

**Princess and Superhero Dress up day** - 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025 - dress up in your favourite costumes/dress - we can supply a costume/dress if you don't have any.

**Half term** - 17/02/25 until 21/02/25 - Noah's Ark reopens 24.2.25

**Parents Meetings** - week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 - more details nearer the time.

**Chat and Play** - 11<sup>th</sup> March - 9.30pm and 1.30pm - Parents are invited once more to visit their child at pre-school and watch an activity with our team members or join in the play with your child.

**Easter Egg hunt** - 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

**Last day of Spring term** 4<sup>th</sup> April - Noah's Ark reopens 23.4.25