



Newsletter

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Autumn Term

Firstly, we hope you are all keeping safe and well and managed to have a good summer. We are finally getting back to some kind of normality but still following government guidance with extra hygiene measures in place, such as the hand washing on arrival and exit. Also, no adults are allowed to enter the building. We are however allowing one parent to remain outside in the garden area with their child, for an hour on their first day, whilst settling in. Please ensure that you use the sanitizer provided at the entrance and wear a mask, keeping your distance from others as appropriate.

Children

Welcome to all our new children and families that are starting with us this term. We know that this is not an easy time for you with the current guidance in place, which doesn't allow you access to the pre-school building. Rest assured that you will be contacted should your child become too unsettled during their session. Welcome back also to our existing children and families, we have really missed you all and so impressed at how you have returned this week and got straight back into the pre-school routine so well. If you need to talk to your child's key-person at any time or have any questions or concerns, just ask. If you are not yet aware of who your child's key-person is, please ask a member of staff.

If you have not already, you will soon receive log in details for EYLog, which is where you will be able to view your child's online learning journey. You will be able to view photos and observations of what your child has been doing at pre-school as and when these are uploaded. You will also receive termly progress reports which will need to be read and electronically signed. You too are able to upload relevant photos and observations about your child from outside of the pre-school if you wish, which can be very useful. You can also comment and send messages via the portal.

IF YOUR CHILD HAS ANY OF THE SYMPTOMS RELATING TO COVID 19, DO NOT BRING THEM TO PRE-SCHOOL. KEEP THEM AT HOME, INFORM US OF THEIR ABSENCE AND GET THEM TESTED. PLEASE BE SURE TO LET US KNOW THE TEST RESULTS ASAP.

Reminder:

Please remember to label ALL of your child's belongings, especially lunch and snack boxes, water bottles, coats and bags.

Do not allow your child to bring any toys from home into the pre-school.

Please remember to pack your child spare clothes, nappies, wipes and nappy sacks, as necessary.



Staff

A very warm welcome to our two new staff members Chelsey and Martine. Chelsey has previously worked in an Early Years setting with babies and young children under the age of 5. Martine has a teaching background and will also be providing your children with an introduction to the French language in fun ways during our sessions, such as songs and rhymes.

Useful information

www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test

www.ark-preschool.co.uk

Please look out for our website QR code at the entrance (coming soon)!

www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare

If you think you might be eligible for 30 hours free childcare, use the link above to find out and let us know.