

Newsletter October 2014.

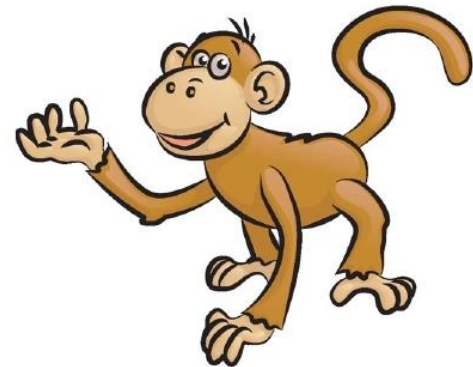
Where is the year going? I can't believe ARK Alpha is over a year old!! We would like to say a huge welcome to the new families that have joined us since the summer. If you have any questions, suggestions or queries do not hesitate to come and see Julie or Collette in the nursery office. We have a new housekeeper Claire who has joined us. She has been busy creating fantastic lunch and tea menus that will be rolled out after half term. Please come to the office to order them as usual (£2 for lunch, £1 for tea), the menu will be sent out by email and will be displayed around the nursery once it has been finalised.

Messages from the rooms...

Monkeys, little and big!!

We would like to welcome Sandra and Corrine in to the team. They are both settling in well and have adapted to the routine and are getting to know all the families. We have been working hard on our garden area recently, so if you haven't been out there lately, please pop out and see what we have been up to.

We would like to invite you all to come to our Halloween stay and play on the 31st October from 10 till 11 am, there will be lots of creative and spooky activities to get involved with. It is also a great opportunity to spend time with the key person and get to know other monkey children and their parents. Please can everyone check that Kimberley has the correct email address for you so we can send you your child's status update throughout the day with fledglings.



Zebras

The zebras have been enjoying both the garden areas. We nearly have all of our toothbrush consent forms back, but if you have not returned this please do so as soon as possible.

There are lots of children who will be going to the Leopards before the New Year. It is really important that we receive the transition paperwork back so your child can visit and start the transition process. We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to our Halloween stay and play on the 31st October at 10-11, we will be having lots of spooky fun and games for you to join in with.





Leopards.

The leopards would like to invite you join them for their Halloween stay and play party on the 31st October from 10 till 12. There will be fun and spooky activities with a picnic lunch. There is a list up on the Leopard's door so you can choose what food you will be bringing along.

The Leopards have been developing their creative area and have requested if you have any items that would be suitable for junk modelling rockets, please can you bring them in.

Story of the month is 'Spooky Rumpus' by Tony Mitton and the song of the month is 'There is a spider on the floor'. The words are available for you on the notice board just inside the door.

Giraffe.

The giraffes are creating a massive family tree and would like photos of your family. Please include all who live in your house, not forgetting any pets!

Within the giraffe room the session starts at 9am and 1pm, if you are arriving after these times please be aware that the staff have already started the daily routine and will be conducting small group times, so may not be able to come away for a lengthy chat. Please bear this in mind when dropping off your child.



Wish list!

- Baby walker
- Travel cot
- Junk modelling for rocket making!!

Photo days - Reminder

The children are having their photo day on Friday the 24th October, if your child is not in on that day and you would like to bring them in please let the office know so we can book you in. The family photo day is Saturday the 25th October. Saturday time slots are available to book in the office.

Makaton taster session

We have been asked by a few parents about Makaton so we have decided to put on a Makaton taster session on Tuesday 28th October at 10-11 am. Staff from all the room will be going through the most used Makaton signs and answering any questions you may have. If you would like to come along please write your name on the list on the office door so we have an idea on numbers and resources needed. We hope to see you there.

Welly boots and rain coats.

Please be aware that we do go outside in all weathers, so please provide wellies and suitable clothing and outside coat.

Buggy shed - Reminder

All buggy's left in the buggy shed MUST be collapsed down, no buggy's should be being left inside the nursery. So please either collapse your buggy down and use the shed or take it home, thank you.

Labelling food

When dropping off food/lunch bags to the kitchen please ensure it is clearly labelled with your child's name.

Recommendations

We still need more recommendations on www.nurseries.co.uk This is a search engine used by parents who are looking for childcare in our area. Thank you in advance for your comments.

<http://www.daynurseries.co.uk/daynursery.cfm/searchazref/50001036FROA>

Collection and dropping off times.

Please can we request that you are keep to your booked nursery time. We only staff for the children that we have booked in and collecting children late means staff are late going home or having their breaks. If this continues, late charges will be issued! We are aware that unforeseen circumstances can cause lateness but, please call the nursery to advise them of this.

The nursery is almost full.

Please be aware that the nursery is almost at its maximum capacity, so extra sessions and swaps will now be limited.

If you know of any friends/family members who are planning to join the nursery either this year or next, to avoid disappointment, we would encourage them to get their registration forms completed and returned to secure their space.

Extra sessions during the holidays.

If you would like to book any extra sessions throughout the holidays, please come to the office and we can book it in for you.

Fees:

Full days (7:30-18:00) £44

School day (8:30-3:30) £31

AM/PM (9am - 1pm or 1pm to 5pm) £19

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