

Newsletter December 2014.

Season's greetings, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year from all of us here at Ark Alpha. The children are all busy with their Christmas preparations and the nursery is looking more festive day by day. We would like to invite you to design a Christmas tree decoration at home with your child to bring in and hang on our tree.

Thank you for all our Christmas goodies the team have received so far, all presents go in to the office and shared out among staff at the end of term.

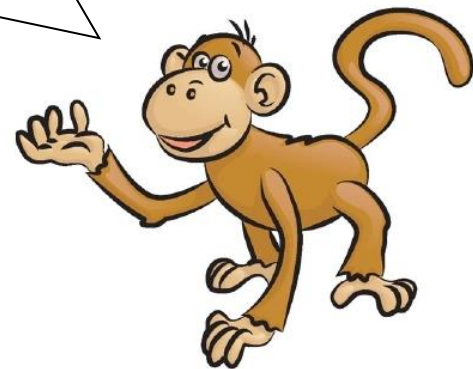
Messages from the rooms...

Monkeys, little and big!!

Huge congratulations to Kimberley who is expecting her 2nd child in March, we are all very excited for her.

As you are aware we have recently changed our diary sheets and welcome your feedback. You should also be receiving more fledgling updates - please let a staff member know if you have not been receiving these.

Just to remind you that our Christmas party is on Tuesday 23rd December from 9:30-11:30am. The children will be having party food and we have a food list up on the door.



Zebras

The children have been busy making Christmas items which will be going home at the end of term.

We have been singing lots of Christmas songs including - 'Jingle Bells' and 'Santa got stuck up the chimney' words can be found in the room.

Please can you ensure that you label all children coats, gloves, hats and scarves.

Just to remind you that our Christmas party is on Tuesday 23rd December from 9:30-11:30am the children will be having party food and the food list is up on our door. We are sadly saying goodbye to Carla and Stacey





Leopards.

The children are all enjoying their Christmas activities. Our story of the month is 'The Night before Christmas' and the song of the month is 'When Santa got stuck up the chimney'. The words can be found on the parent board in our room.

We would like to welcome Jordan in to the room as our new apprentice.

Just to remind you that our Christmas party is on Tuesday 23rd December from 9:30-11am the children will be having a small snack, we will be putting a food list up shortly.

Giraffe.

Keep an eye out for our weekly letters and sounds - this weeks is the letter P.

Our songs of the month are 'Christmas pudding', 'When the robot came to dinner', 'We wish you a Merry Christmas', words are available from Monday in the Giraffe room.

Book bags are available from the office for £1.80 each, so if you would like one just pop in.

Just to remind you that our Christmas stay and play/ Christmas party is on Tuesday 23rd December from 12:30-2pm. The children will be having party food during this time and there is a food list up in the giraffe room.



Wish list!

- Books suitable for children aged 3-5

Housekeeper update

We would like to welcome Andrea to the team, she has been cooking up a storm in the kitchen since her arrival in November, and is currently creating some new tasty menus, for when we come back in January.

Ipod touches

The staff are all using ipod touches in the rooms to observe and record development of the children for their learning journeys. These look very similar to phones so we wanted to clear up any confusion. The nursery is still a mobile free zone so please ensure you do not make or receive calls when on nursery grounds and keep you mobile in your pocket or bag at all times, thank you.

Christmas lunch.

We will be having our Christmas lunch on Wednesday 17th December. The menu can be found around the nursery. Please order and pay at the nursery office by Friday 12th December - lunch will cost £2, thank you.

Christmas jumper day.

Christmas jumper day will be on Friday the 12th December. Please send your child in wearing a Christmas jumper and if you would like to make a donation all money raised will be going to 'Save the Children'. There are 2 ways you can donate- bring money to nursery or text 'TEAMARKALPHA' to 70050 to donate £2. We look forward to seeing some fantastic jumpers!

Nursery dates

Last day of all funding: Wednesday 17th December

Last day of term: Friday 19th December

Last nursery day: Wednesday 24th at 4pm

Nursery will reopen for all children on Monday 5th January 2015!

Father Christmas

If you would like your child to receive a present from Father Christmas at their Christmas party please pay £1. This can be paid to staff in your child's room by Friday 12th December.

Reindeer food is available to purchase from the monkey room or office for a £1 donation.

Makaton taster session

Thank you to those of you who came to our Makaton taster session, this went really well and as requested we will be hosting another in the New Year.

Cold weather

Please ensure you are providing your child with weather appropriate clothes, as we do go outside in all weathers. All items must be clearly named.

Buggy shed - Reminder

Please continue to collapse down your buggy, and remember not to leave them inside the nursery, Thank you.

Labelling food

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

Collection and dropping off times.

Please can we request that you keep to your booked nursery time. We only staff for the children that we have booked in, so 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 so, 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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