

April 2015 Newsletter



**A ministry of
Crabtree Church**

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We hope that you all will have a good Easter break, let's hope for some sunshine!

Do remember we start back on Monday 20th April.

Please don't forget we are closed on Thursday 25th June as we are going to Stockwood Park, therefore there will be no playschool that morning.

The Themes for this term are Mini beasts, Healthy exercise and senses. After May half term they are Under the sea, Summer holidays and moving on. Each theme lasts for two weeks.

Thanks

Nicole and the team

Diary Dates

Week beginning	Letter	Number	Week beginning	Letter	Number
20 th April	a	6	1 st June	f	1
27 th April	b	7	8 th June	g	2
4 th May	c	8	15 th June	h	3
11 th May	d	9	22 nd June	i	4
18 th May	e	10	29 th June	j	5
25 th – 29 th May	Half term		6 th July	k	6
			13 th July	l	7

Date	Event
Monday 20 th April	Term starts
Thursday 25 th June	NOAHS ARK CLOSED TO ALL CHILDREN –summer trip to Stockwood park
Wednesday 15th July 12.15 – 1.15 No lunch club this day	Teddy Bears picnic and Leavers ceremony – ALL CHILDREN INVITED TO ATTEND WITH PARENTS LAST DAY OF TERM

Crabtree Church news

As we enter the final lap of this academic year, the days are longer, the buds are appearing, and pretty flowers are popping up everywhere. In this climate, most of us feel much better and respond more positively after the long dark nights of winter.

Easter reminds us that new life can be found in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. We can all experience this new life as we put our hope in him. The Bible says that just as Christ was raised from the dead... we too can have a new life. We can have new life in the God who made us, the God who loves us, the God who cares for us, and the God who wants the very best for us.

At Crabtree Church, we celebrate this new life during our church services. You are welcome to join us any Sunday at 10.30am. Children are welcome and are catered for at our Sunday School.

We trust that you are continuing to enjoy life at Noah's Ark with your children and with the staff. We look forward to seeing you again in the new term.

Pastor Bernard Cartledge (07905 621672)

INFORMATION

Stockwood Park Trip

Noah's Ark playschool will be closed on Thursday 25th June as we have planned a trip to Stockwood Park in Luton. The staff will meet you at the park at 9.50 as the park opens at 10 am and we plan to go round the park together. We plan to meet up on the main grass area to enjoy our picnics which you are to supply for your child and any siblings – hopefully in the sunshine. Please note you are responsible for your children at all times. We end the picnic with games and songs on the grass, weather permitting. All parents, children and siblings are invited; more information and a sign up sheet will be out shortly. We have booked a small inside room if it is raining or wet under foot.

Teddy Bears picnic and Leavers ceremony

Wednesday 15th July 12:15 – 1:15 pm (no lunch club this day)

All children are invited with their parents; please bring a packed lunch for you and your children. The picnic takes place on the grass outside the back of the church, therefore can parents please park on the road outside at collection time that morning. There will be a teddy bear judging contest (please name all teddy bears) followed by the Leavers ceremony in the church hall. All children who are leaving us to move onto nursery will be invited up to the front to be handed their 'All about me' book.

Hot weather and changing weather.....

Please could you ensure in hot weather your child comes to play school with sun cream on and a named sunhat. As we like to go outside whatever the weather a spare jumper or cardigan and rain mac in their bag is really useful. We do ask that children only wear crocs for indoor shoes as they easily fall off feet when running outside.

Transition to nursery

As many of our current children will be moving on to nursery, please can you support your children by encouraging them to change their own shoes, put up their own coat, etc.

Can you also let us know when you have received your nursery allocation, where your child is going and if you plan for your child to leave Noah's Ark in July? Or staying on until December?

Lunch club

A few requests please:

No fruit or squash drinks as the children are drinking the juice and not eating their lunch therefore we request water.

Satsumas – please send them in pre-peeled, chopped in half and wrapped in foil or a container to keep fresh

Grapes must be halved – as they are a choking hazard.

Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers

We are collecting the vouchers so please do bring them into Noah's Ark. Last year we received the bench that is outside in the playground.

Few reminders

Please remember to check book bags, shoe boxes and group boxes as we put art work in these drawers.

Please check change bags daily for wet/soiled clothing. Also if your child is in nappies, check there are enough nappies and wipes.

We are due our Ofsted at any time therefore we kindly ask you to fill out the comments book as this input goes towards our rating.

Questionnaires

We will be distributing these next term, we really appreciate your feedback.