



Noah's Ark Christian Pre-School (Buckhurst Hill)
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Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! Welcome back!

Primary School Admissions

If your child is due to start reception in September 2020, then you will need to make your application for a place now. Please go to:

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/apply-for-a-primary-school-place>

Essex do not send out school place letters or reminders and **you will need to apply online before 15th January 2020.**

Thank you

A massive thank you to Isla's mum, Sophie for coming in before Christmas and helping us with decorating gingerbread men biscuits.

Thank you

To the local shops and businesses who supported us by donating prizes for our raffle. Specifically, The Railway Bar & Grill (5 Queens Road), Old Street Butcher (9 Queens Road) and The Green Owl Café & Deli (44 Queens Road).

Thank you

A big thank you for all the presents and cards that we received at Christmas from the children and their families.

Australia

As you will have seen on the news, the devastating fires in Australia are still burning out of control and the impact on human and animal lives is not yet fully known.

Here at Noah's Ark Christian Pre-School, we can do two things:

First, we can pray. Pray for rain, for the firefighters and volunteers, for the people and animals affected.

Secondly, we can raise some money to send to help during this difficult time.

As part of our fundraising for this cause, we are going to have a Name the Koala competition. Each entry will cost £2 and all monies raised will go directly to help those affected by the fires. Only one name will be chosen from a hat at random. Each person can buy more than one name at £2 per name. Why not ask your friends and family to choose a name too?



The Koala (pictured) will be the prize for the person who correctly chooses his/her name.

Funding Forms

If your child is entitled to 2/3 or 4 year old funding, then please ensure that you complete the funding form. These need to be completed **BEFORE 16th January 2020**. Also, if your child was previously entitled to 2 year funding or if you are in receipt of certain benefits, then we can claim some additional funding (EYPP). Please let Jo Hazell know if you think you may be eligible, so that we can claim. This does not affect your benefits.

Books

The Caterpillar children are going to be learning about the story of Noah's Ark. They will be concentrating on this book for the next two weeks and doing crafts, etc that relate to the story.

The Busy Bee children will be reading There's an ouch in my pouch by Jeanne Willis. They will be learning about the world and particularly Australia. As well as learning about caring for animals.

The Busy Bee children will also be learning about 'In the beginning'. They will hear bible stories and think about God and who He is.

Trips out

We are hoping to arrange some trips out soon but we cannot do these without help from parents. We would require a ratio of 1 adult to every 2 children in order to do so. All adults would be responsible for the children in their care and expected to help with all aspects of the trip. If you are interested and able to help, please speak to Fran.

Drop Off

Please can ALL parents/carers drop off their child at the door and not come into the Pre-School. Please do be mindful not to block the doorway, as we need to see the children in safely. This allows the children to develop a little independence and the staff are on hand, waiting for them.

Photos

If you didn't get your child's photo before Christmas, we still have them here – but not for long! Please check with Fran to see if your child's photo is still here. The pack of 3 photos costs £20.

God bless.

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