



# The Ark Newsletter July 2011

- **Summer BBQ Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> at 4.00pm**

Don't forget our summer BBQ for all the family on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July from 4.00pm. Tickets are £5 per adult to include food, children free. This will be the fourth year we have held this successful event. We also have some great prizes for the raffle including a mountain bike and luxury food hamper, so please remember to return your raffle ticket stubs and payment 6.00pm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2011. Please book by 6.00pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July at the latest if you want to come. If there is continuous heavy rain we will contact people, by email where possible, to postpone.

- **Change to School Term Dates**

St. Nicholas Primary School has advised us of the next academic year's teacher training days when school will be closed and The Ark will run Holiday Club. The first of these days is **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2011**, so term will start on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2011. Please see the page below for the full list of term dates.

- **Staff Changes**

We would like to congratulate Sarah Beck who has achieved her NVQ3 qualification.

We will be saying goodbye to our apprentice, Katie Stevens, on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, the last day of term, and give her our best wishes for the future.

On the same day we will also be saying goodbye to Karren George, who is leaving us after working at The Ark for over four years. Not only has Karren been a most valued member of staff from the very first day of expanded childcare in The Ark, but she was also instrumental in her role as Chairman of Child Okeford Pre-School, in securing funds to enable the construction and fitting out of The Ark building as well as funds to subsidise initial start-up costs. Karren will be sorely missed and we would like to express our thanks to her for all her hard work and dedication over the years. We wish Karren and her family the very best for the future.

- **Leavers Entertainment in 3 – 5 Room**

This is to remind you that the leavers' entertainment will be held on the last day of term **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2011 between 9.00am and 11.30am**. All children moving up to school in September are invited. Otherwise only those children in the 3 – 5 Room who usually attend on a Friday morning are invited. We have "Bouncing Bodies" coming to entertain the children for an hour from 10am.

- **Village Fete Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August**

We are running a soft toy stall at the village fete of Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August, which is taking place in the grounds of 'Cranborne Edge' in Child Okeford. We would be most grateful for donations of any soft toys in good condition, that you no longer want.

- **Summer Holidays**

The school holidays begin on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July and Holiday club will run as shown below. We are getting fairly booked up so if you want to book any sessions please contact Maggie or Pauline as soon as possible.

We hope all those of you who do not use Holiday Club have a lovely summer break and we look forward to seeing you in September.

## Dates for your diary

- The Ark is open all year round **except all Bank Holidays** and a week in the **summer** commencing August Bank Holiday Monday. At **Christmas** we will be closed from 26<sup>th</sup> December 2011 until the 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2012
  
- **Summer Term** Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2011 to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2011.
- **Summer Holiday Club** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2011 to August 26<sup>th</sup> 2011  
& Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2011
- **Autumn Term** Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2011 to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2011
- **Autumn Half Term** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2011 to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2011
- **Christmas Holiday Club** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2011 to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2011,  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 2012 & Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2012
- **Spring Term** Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2012 to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2012
- **Spring Half Term** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2012 to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2012
- **Easter Holiday Club** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2012 to Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2012  
(Closed Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2012 & Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2012)
- **Summer Term** Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2012 to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2012
- **Summer Half Term** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2012 to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2012  
(Closed Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2012 & Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2012)