



The Ark Newsletter

January 2012

- **Happy New Year** to you all. We hope you and your families all enjoyed the Christmas break, and we would like to thank everyone for their Christmas wishes and gifts.
- **School Applications** We would like to remind all parents of children due to start school in September 2012 that they must apply by **15th January 2012**. You may apply online at www.dorsetforyou.com/schooladmissions or telephone 01395 221060 for paper application.
- **Changes to Fee & Session Structure** We have attached the letter we sent last September as a reminder of the changes in fees and session structure that have now taken effect (from 1st January 2012).
- **Parent/Keyworker Appointments** We will be holding parent/keyworker appointments throughout the daytime during the week commencing Monday 6th February 2012 and there will be some evening appointments on Wednesday 8th February 2012 for working parents. An appointment chart will be available by the end of January for parents to book their slot.
- **3+ Room Spring Activities** Following the huge interest it created last year we plan to incubate and hatch eggs. More news on this will follow after half term.
- **Signing In and Out** Please remember to sign your child in and out when you drop off and collect. Also please let us know whenever your contact details change.
- **Fruit Donations** Thank you providing a piece of fruit for snack time for children aged 2+. PLEASE NO KIWI FRUIT. Please put any items you bring in the fruit bowl by the signing in book.
- **Clothes & Footwear Labelling** Please ensure all your child's clothing and footwear are clearly marked with their name.
- **Car Parking** Please remember St. Nicholas School has stated that no parents/carers should park anywhere in the school car park after 8.15am or before 3.45pm in term-time, other than disabled drivers who may use the marked spaces.

Dates for your diary

- The Ark is open all year round **except all Bank Holidays** and at **Christmas** we will close from **Monday 24th December 2012 to Tuesday January 1st 2013**

Term Dates

- **Spring Term** Thursday 5th January 2012 to Friday 30th March 2012
- **Half Term Holiday Club** Monday 13th February 2012 to Friday 17th February 2012
- **Easter Holiday Club** Monday 2nd April 2012 to Monday 16th April 2012
(Closed Friday 6th April 2012 & Monday 9th April 2012)
- **Summer Term** Tuesday 17th April 2012 to Friday 20th July 2012
- **Half Term Holiday Club** Monday 4th June 2012 to Friday 8th June 2012
(Closed Monday 4th June 2012 & Tuesday 5th June 2012)
- **Summer Holiday Club** Monday 23rd July 2012 to Monday 3rd September 2012
(Closed Monday 27th August 2012)