






**Topic – Patterns and Shapes.**

<b><u>Week beginning</u></b>	<b><u>Theme</u></b>	<b><u>Letter, shape and colour of the week.</u></b>	<b><u>Notes</u></b>
29th October.	Bonfire night	G, O Brown, Cylinder and Cone.	
5th November	<u>Bonfire</u> night	O, U Black, Circle and sphere.	Please bring any photographs of your bonfire night festivities. Parents eve Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov. 7.30-9pm
12 <sup>th</sup> November	Textiles. 	U, I White, Oblong	Feel free to add to our rainbow weaving whilst waiting with your child. Donations of coloured fabric strips welcome.
19 <sup>th</sup> November.	Patterns and shapes in buildings. 	L, F Bronze, Square	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov (am) Visit to St Andrews Church- parent helpers needed.
26 <sup>th</sup> November	Patterns and shapes in nature. 	F, B Grey, Triangle	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov. (pm) Walk to Post office to post our letters, parent helpers needed.
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Christmas	B, J Silver, Star, diamond	If you would like to help with a Christmas craft please let us know.
10 <sup>th</sup> December	<u>Christmas</u>	J, G Gold, Cube, cuboid	Visit from John Adams Pastor of Exwick Community Church to tell the Christmas story. Tuesday am.
17 <sup>th</sup> December	<u>Christmas.</u>		Nativity performances Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec 10.30am Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec 9.45am Staff/parent meal at Thatch Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec 7.30pm Children's Christmas Party Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec. 10am Last day of term 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec.

**Pre- school Term Dates 2008:**

**Spring Term** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April

**Half Term** Monday 18<sup>th</sup>- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, **Good Friday** 21<sup>st</sup> March and **Easter Monday** 24<sup>th</sup>

March - Closed

**Summer Term** Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July

**Half Term** Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May - Closed

**Autumn term** 3<sup>rd</sup> September - 16<sup>th</sup> December to be confirmed



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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have had an enjoyable half term break and are ready to go again with another fun half term at pre-school! We especially welcome Finley, Bethany, Vakare, Christos and their families who will be joining us this half term and Riley, Cerys and Tiegan who joined at the end of last half term. We hope you will soon feel at home with us!

### ***New Premises***

We have finally had some exciting news from Devon County Council who informed us that we have been allocated a plot of land on the existing Foxhayes school site when the school moves in January! This means that we will be able to go ahead with our new purpose built nursery building, providing excellent facilities for you and your children! We hope to be able to offer full day, year round care for those of you who want it along with a baby and toddler unit. We have to wait for the planning permission to go through so we will be moving to Exwick Parish Hall temporarily in January, probably for 1 or 2 terms. There are 3 sessions when we can not use the Parish Hall so for these sessions we will be using the school room at the back of St Andrews Church next door. We plan to visit the Parish Hall and St Andrews Church with the children this term so they are familiar with their new building ready for January. We will keep you fully informed of our progress and will be seeking your views on exactly what you want us to provide. If you have any questions or suggestions please do not hesitate to talk to Paula or Harri.

### **Diary Dates and Parent Helpers**

With the run up to Christmas there are lots of events happening so please check the diary dates on the back of this sheet. Full details of Christmas events will follow nearer the time. We particularly need parent helpers with our visits out of the pre-school so please let us know if you are able to join us. We always welcome parents to join us for a session at pre-school. If you have a talent that you would like to share or perhaps you would like to help with a Christmas craft just let us know.

### **Parent Forum.**

We are very fortunate at The Exwick Ark to have a fantastic group of parents who organise social and support events for our families and also provide feedback to the staff on the service we provide. If you feel that you would like to support your child's pre-school in this way please speak to a member of the parent forum or staff who can give you more information. The parent forum meet once each half term. The next social event is a children's disco on Thursday November at Exwick Community Hall, Kinnerton Way.

### **Parents Evening.**

We will be holding our termly parents evening on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 7.30 – 9.00pm. Please sign up with your child's family worker for a convenient time slot or fill in the slip below.  
Thank you

Harri Sharp and Paula Stone, Managers of The Exwick Ark

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Parents Evening Appointment

Name of child \_\_\_\_\_

Most convenient time \_\_\_\_\_