


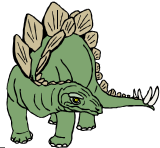
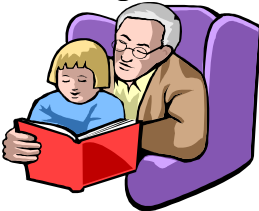




<u>Week</u> <u>Beginning.</u>	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Colour, letter</u>	<u>Notes.</u>
2.6.08	Trains then and now.	Orange, g	We will be thinking about our trip to Buckfastleigh. Visits to St David's station in small groups on Tuesday and Wednesday to get ideas for our role play ticket office.
9.6.08	When I was a baby. 	Pink. G, O	<b>Please bring in a named photograph of your child as a baby that we can stick in a book your child will make about them self. Can you identify the staff photos?</b> On Thursday please bring in an item of clothing your child wore as a baby. Would anyone like to bring in real baby for 10 minutes at the end of a session?
16.6.08	Special times in my life. 	Purple. O, U	Please bring in photographs of special times in your child's life such as birthdays, holidays, weddings, christenings etc. which we can add to their book.
23.6.08	Music then and now. 	Black. U, F	Do we have any parents who would like to come and play a musical instrument for the children? (You do not have to be amazingly talented, just a few notes will do! We hope to have a visit from a local school orchestra. <b>Parent consultation evening</b> Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June 4-6.30pm. Please sign up for an appointment with your family worker in the parent's area. We will have a display of physical child development for you to look at whilst you wait.
30.6.08	Dinosaurs. 	White. F, L	Perhaps bring in a favourite dinosaur toy or story for your group to look at.
7.7.08	Growing old 	Grey, B, D	Sports day for our 3 + 4 year olds Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 9.30am, weather permitting. All pre-school 3+ 4 year old children are welcome to take part ( with their friends and family to cheer them on!)
14.7.08	Seasons.	Gold. D, Z	Leavers celebration and teddy bears picnic. Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July. All pre-school families welcome to join us for the picnic at 11.45am. All leavers and their families from 11am.  Last day of term Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July We return on Wed. 3 <sup>rd</sup> September.

**Pre-school Term dates:**

Autumn 2008 3<sup>rd</sup> September to 16<sup>th</sup> December

Spring 2009 5<sup>th</sup> January to 3<sup>rd</sup> April

Summer 2009 2<sup>nd</sup> April to 17<sup>th</sup> July tbc

Half term 27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> October

Half term 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> February

Half term 23<sup>rd</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> May tbc



Dear Parents,

It is great to welcome you all back to another half term at The Exwick Ark. As you can see from the back of this letter we have lots of fun activities planned for your child to enjoy. Our topic for this half term is "Now and Then". We will be starting to think about things that have happened in the lives of our children and the people they know and also looking to what may happen in the future.

### **New premises.**

Some of you may be aware that the Exwick Ark has had an offer accepted on 229 Exwick Road (Highfield). This is the large detached house with a huge level garden at the top of the driveway next to the bus stop. We are currently applying for change of use planning permission, which will allow us to convert it into a permanent home for our pre-school and add a baby unit as well. Whilst we are very excited by this prospect we still need to get around the planners and particularly the highways agency so are not turning down our offer of a space on the Foxhayes school site yet. We will continue to keep you posted on our progress.

### **Last term.**

I would like to thank those of you who supported our Ugly Bug Ball at the end of last half term. It was great to see so many of you coming along and supporting your child and enjoying the picnic together in the church grounds. The costumes were fantastic! Also thank you to all the Mums, Dads, Aunties and Grandparents who helped with our trip to Buckfastleigh. I think we caused quite a stir when 55 of us got on the train at St David's! A superb day was had by all!

### **Staffing**

Di is planning on starting her maternity leave at the end of June. We will be interviewing for a temporary replacement during the first week of this half term. Paula will take over as family worker for most of the children in Di's group.

### **Parents evenings.**

Our termly parent consultation evening is on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June from 4.00 – 6.30pm. Please sign up for an appointment on the chart which will be shortly appearing in the parents area. After the positive comments about our writing display we will be producing another on children's physical development for the evening.

### **Sports day.**

Our sports day is planned for Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30am weather permitting. All pre-school 3 and 4 year olds and their families are welcome to come and join the fun.

### **Uniforms.**

We have just received another delivery of uniform so if you need polo shirts with our logo for the summer they are available at £5.00 each. We also have book bags available at £3.00 each. Please remember to label all of your child's clothing so we can return it to its correct owner should it get discarded! Writing in pen on the label works quite well.

### **Coat Hooks**

We are trying out a new system for hooks to try to give those who need it more space. Please encourage your child to find their name and put it on a hook in the right area for their colour. The yellows have moved nearer to the nappy change area to make it easier to get t nappies! We also have some coloured cards which you may find on your child's hook. Please do what it says! Eg sign the accident book, send in more clothes. Any comments to staff please.

### **Sun creams.**

As the summer approaches can I remind you to apply sun cream to your children before you leave them at pre-school. Please leave a named sun cream in their tray so we can re-apply part way through the session or pay £1.00 to use the pre-school supply for the rest of the term.

Thank you for your continued support.  
The staff of The Exwick Ark.