



Diary Dates

- 1 - 23 Dec The Ark Christmas Post
- 07 Dec Carol Singing at Elphaborough Close
- 09 Dec Pre-School Christmas Carol Concert
- 10 Dec Staff Christmas Party
- 14 Dec Ark Christmas Party (featuring Santa)
- 20 Dec Children's Christmas Lunch
- 21 Dec Space Christmas Party
- 23 Dec Pyjama Party & close at 6.30pm
- 19- 23 Dec Space Holiday Club
& 3 Jan

Pre-school Carol Singing

Wednesday 7th December



This year the Pre-school children will be carol-singing at Elphaborough Court Sheltered Housing. Thanks to the residents for inviting us to spread our Christmas cheer!

Christmas Party

The Ark will be having a Christmas Party this year between 10 - 12 am on Wednesday 14th December. There will be fun and games and fabulous Christmas party food! There may even be a special visitor at The Ark party for those children who have been good throughout the year!



Carol Concert—9th December

Our Carol Concert has grown in popularity year on year, starring the children from the Pre-school Room. This year it is on **Friday 9th December, starting at 4pm in SPACE 2 Sports Hall.**

Specific details have been sent in a separate letter to parents of the children involved. The children will perform our very own nativity, written specially for The Ark.

They love the nativity and carols and get very excited trying on the various costumes. It promises to be a fabulous event.

Looking for a present for that someone who has everything? The DVD of *The Ark Christmas Carol Concert 2011* is once again on offer at £6.50 each - available for collection from Wednesday 14th December.

The countdown to Christmas has begun!

Advent is nearly upon us and Christmas at the Ark is building up nicely with carol singing at a local sheltered housing, our ever-popular Carol Concert, Christmas parties in both Ark and SPACE at the Ark, The Ark Christmas Post and our famous pyjama party! We hope you and the children enjoy the festivities. Here's wishing you a very Merry Christmas, and we'll look forward to welcoming you back when we open again on Tuesday 3rd January 2012!

Welcome!



We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all the new members of staff that have joined The Ark and Space team recently.

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!



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SPACE Christmas Holiday Club - Book Now!



19—23 December 2011, 3rd January 2012

Our SPACE Holiday Club has the usual exciting range of activities to keep children occupied this Christmas & New Year. They include Christmas baking, making decorations and a Father Christmas and snowman hunt. Let's hope it snows to make it extra special and maybe even do some sledging! Our regular activities are also available e.g. sports hall, Xbox, PS3, nail bar, computer suite & many more!

Pyjama Party

Join our pyjama party on December 23rd when we get ready for Santa's arrival by chilling out in our pyjamas (including the staff!) and watching Christmas movies.

Presents for Staff

Each year we are bowled over by parents' amazing generosity handing in Christmas presents to our wonderful staff.

To clarify, for the many parents who ask, in order to recognise the contribution made by all staff in providing *the experience of a lifetime*, any presents received will be distributed throughout the whole team. These gifts are certainly not something we expect and such generosity is appreciated.

However, should you prefer to donate to the Hope charity instead, this gesture will be equally welcome.

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Our Year of Celebration

As part of our year celebrating being open for 10 years, we will be hosting a **charity ball on April 28th at Berties Banqueting Rooms** in Elland. This fabulous black tie event promises to be the highlight of our celebratory year and further details will follow soon.

Tickets will be sold on a "first come, first served" basis and will be £50 per head. We hope to see many of you there enjoying this evening and helping us to celebrate 10 outstanding years, as well as raising money for Sunshine House.

Pre - School Funded Term Dates

- 5th Sept - 21st Oct 2011
- 20th Feb - 30th Mar 2012
- 31st Oct - 16th Dec 2011
- 16th Apr - 1st Jun 2012
- 9th Jan - 10th Feb 2012
- 11th Jun - 20th Jul 2012

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