



Pre-School News

30th April 2015

Welcome Back

It has been lovely to see everyone again after the long Easter break. We welcome Gabriella, Maggie, Joanie and Benjamin to the family and are looking forward to a busy summer term. You may have also noticed we have Lewis on work experience with us every Tuesday from St. Josephs School in Cranleigh.

Sponsored Colour challenge

Thank you to everyone who has donated money from our sponsored colour challenge. We have raised £699, which is brilliant! We will be ordering the earmarked resources as soon as possible for the children to enjoy this term.

Caterpillars

Our theme this half term is all about growing. The children will be watching our resident painted lady caterpillars grow, cocoon and eventually transform over the next few weeks. Have a look; they are on the stage.

Sun

Just a reminder, please could you make sure your child has a named water bottle on the trolley and a named sun hat in their bag each day. We do go out every day if we can, so provide appropriate footwear/rainwear if necessary please. We can apply sun cream at your request if you provide some in their bags and let us know.

Healthy Eating

At Rainbow's we aim to promote healthy eating. Please could we request that as part of a healthy lunch box children have a maximum of one sweet/crisp item when accompanying their sandwiches, fruits, yoghurt etc. Remember that snack should also be restricted to fruit or vegetable (preferably fresh).

We are also putting together a Bakers Child recipe book to include sugar free or healthy alternative baked treats. If anyone has any they could contribute please do let us know.

Library Books

Thank you to the mums who have been helping with Library Duty. The children love choosing books to take home. Please could you make sure you return books in to the library returns box on the stage. Resource packs have also started going out to school leavers. Keep these as long as you need but please return all of the pieces when you are done.

Suggestion Box

We have reintroduced a suggestion box for parents to be able to feedback about Rainbow's if they wish. We also have a comments book, which we would love everyone to add to as part of our ongoing aim to improve our community setting. We will aim to put these both on your way out of Rainbow's at drop off time.

Rainbow's parents summer fundraiser - Friday 5th June 2015, 8pm

We are delighted to reveal details of our Summer Party this year on **5th June at 8pm** at the Village Hall in Ewhurst. It's going to be a great evening and we'd love to see as many of you as well as your friends and family there as possible!

We've got lots of fun activities planned for the night, including the free casino (with croupiers), free martini on arrival, cash bar, disco by Kevin from Party Beats Disco (who went down a storm last year) as well as some fun fundraising activities for Rainbow's End.

Come dressed as your favourite Bond character (but of course this is optional, although we will have a prize for the best dressed), so if you've always wanted to be Pussy Galore, Dr No, Blofeld, M, Miss Money Penny, Oddjob or any others - now's your chance!!

If you would like to book tickets, please email rainbowsfundraiser@outlook.com or speak to one of the Summer Party team including Sarah Foxworthy, Phil Jacques, Kate Brading, Helen Shaw, Becca Olney, Gillian Neal, Helen Watt, Rebecca Wright, Rachel Thompson, Tracey Barr, Sophie Wilbur or Lucy Tosh.

We really hope you are able to make it!

Ewhurst School Transition Visits - 1st and 16th June 2015

If your child is going to Ewhurst school in September and you would like staff to escort your child up to Ewhurst school on these dates then please ask permission from the school first that it is ok for us to drop them off then let us know. Parents will need to collect from Ewhurst School.

Box Hill - Monday 8th June

Our annual Rainbow's summer trip is coming up on Monday 8th June. Letters have gone out with a proposed itinerary for the day and a form to complete and return. There will be no cost to parents this year so it is a free day out!

We need this form back by Friday 22nd May.

Fathers Day activity morning - Friday 19th June

Dads are invited to our Father's Day activity morning. We invite dads/male relatives of Rainbow's children to stay and play for the first hour. This event was a huge success last year and we will be coming up with more competitive activities to enjoy with your child. Please RSVP so we know how many daddies to expect.

Parents Evening - Monday 15th June 2015

Feedback from 2013's questionnaire brought up the issue of working parents not being able to meet their child's key person at coffee mornings, so last year we introduced an evening parents meeting. This will just be for school leavers and will take place on Monday 15th June 2015 from 7.00pm. Summary reports will still be completed for all children and parents will be given the opportunity to read through and discuss them at their convenience after half term.

Sports Day - Wednesday 17th June - 10.30am

All children will be taking part in this year's Sports Day. We will be asking for a small donation towards team t-shirts, which the children love. Each child will need a parent/carer present at the sports day and Rainbow's will not be open beforehand as staff will be setting up for the event at the recreation ground.

Teddy Bears' Picnic - Thursday 25th June - 10.00am

All of the school leavers at Rainbow's have been invited to attend a Teddy Bears' Picnic at Ewhurst School on the 25th June. Children usually in on a Thursday will be taken up and brought back down by Rainbow's staff. If your child is not in on a Thursday (and a school leaver) but would like to attend, please let us know.

School Leavers

Teachers from Infant and Junior Schools are starting to ring up to come and visit the children at Rainbow's. Another date for your diaries, if your child is leaving us at the end of term to go to school, is the leavers' party, which will be on **Wednesday 8th July** at 12:30-2:30pm. There will also be a leavers' service on **Thursday 9th July** at 11.30am. All families are invited to attend this.

Baker's Child

As always, we ask different parents to help make or buy 20 cakes or biscuits each to sell with their children at 12.15pm (or 2.45pm). Please come at 12pm (or 2.30pm) to help your child set up the table and display the cakes.

Monday 27 April	Flora Lily C
Monday 11 May	Edgar Jack R
Friday 22 May	Patrick Ben W
Wednesday 3 June	Edith Maggie
Friday 19 June	Jessi Freddie R
Thursday 2 July	Any volunteers??

Rainbow Bear

Rainbow Bear has had some lovely trips home with children this year. See below for the list of lucky children to have him this term.

Mon 20 April-Mon 27 April	George W
Tues 28 April-Tues 5 May	Eli
Tues 5 May-Tues 12 May	Ruby & Elise
Thurs 14 May-Thurs 21 May	William
Fri 22 May-Half Term	Esme
Mon 1 June-Mon 8 June	Patrick & Ben
Mon 8 June-Mon 15 June	Abigail
Mon 15 June-Mon 22 June	Georgia
Mon 22 June-Mon 29 June	Lily C
Tues 30 June-Tues 7 July	Grace

Sound and Song of the week

Each week we talk about a different sound of the week as an introduction to phonics. The sound of the week basket by the name tree can be filled with objects that children find starting with that sound. Why not see what you can find at home with your child to bring in? e.g. A - an apple.

Week commencing	Sound	Song
27 th April	T	Five Little Peas
4 th May	P	Mary, Mary Quite Contrary
11 th May	I	Jack and Jill
18 th May	N	Two little dickie birds

Committee notes

Officers

We will be holding our Annual General Meeting this term. A major part of this meeting will be to appoint officers for the next academic year - Some of the current officers are moving on and without filling these positions we are unable to operate. Please think about giving something back to Rainbow's.

The officer roles are Secretary, Treasurer and Chair Person.

If anyone would like to know what is involved please contact Sarah or Kate. The role really isn't as daunting as it may seem.

As well as officers we are also looking for parents to join the committee. This involves attending a meeting once a term and, if you are able, helping to arrange some of the events Rainbow's puts on during the year!

If anyone is interested in these rewarding roles please contact Sarah Foxworthy.

AGM - Tuesday 23rd June 2015, 8pm, The Bulls Head

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 23rd June at The Bulls Head in Ewhurst. This is a chance to hear what has been happening at Rainbow's over the past year and an opportunity to vote in new officers for the next year. All parents of children currently attending are eligible to vote and to make any votes count we need a minimum of 15 parents present so please do come and join us. It is a great way to see how well our fundraising has gone over the year.

Bulls Head Quiz Night in aid of Rainbow's End - Monday 6th July

The Bulls Head are kindly donating all the quiz money to Rainbows on this night. So for those of you out there who love a pub quiz then this is the night for you! It only costs £2 per person to enter and there is no limit on team size. It is always nice to put together a few teams to show our presence and have a good night. If you are interested in coming please get in touch with Sarah Foxworthy.

DATES FOR YOUR FRIDGE

Friday 5 th June	Rainbows parents' summer fundraiser
Monday 8 th June	Box Hill trip
Friday 19 June	Fathers Day Activity Morning
Monday 15 th June	School Leavers' Parents evening
Wednesday 17 th June	Sports Day
Tuesday 23 rd June	Rainbow's AGM, 8pm, Bulls Head
Thursday 25 th June	Teddy Bears' Picnic
Monday 6 th July	Bulls Head Quiz in aid of Rainbow's
Wednesday 8 th July	Leavers Party - 12.30pm, Village Hall
Thursday 9 th July	Leavers service -11:30am, Church
Friday 10 th July	Last day of term

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