



Pre-School News

29th April 2013

Welcome Back!

It has been lovely to see everyone again after our long Easter break. We have a busy term coming up with lots to look forward to and prepare for so get your diaries out and retrieve your sun hats out of the closet.

Sponsored Thread

Thank you to everyone who has donated money from our sponsored thread. So far we have raised £384.50, which is brilliant. We just need another £25 to reach our target for the role-play panels, so if anyone has their sponsor sheet sitting at home please bring it in.

Growing

Our theme this half term is growing. We are very excited to have become home to 7 fertilised eggs, which are being incubated in the office. The children have been told they need to wait 21 sleeps before the eggs hatch into little chicks. Linda will adopt the chicks once they are grown. We have also bought some Painted Lady caterpillars, which we are all going to watch as they eventually turn into butterflies. There is also talk of repeating last year's bean growing competition, so look out for that too.

Sunshine

Please could you make sure that your child is prepared for the weather in the event that we go outside (as we often do). This means suitable shoes for walking across rough ground/fields (please no crocs or flip flops) and more importantly a named sun hat. Sun cream should be applied before they arrive and bottles to be named and kept in their bag. Raincoats may still be necessary.

Wallflower Photographics - Saturday 11th May

At Christmas, Rachel Dickson kindly offered to take and print photos of our Nativity for a very generous price, which meant that Rainbow's were able to profit from them.

Rachel has now offered us another brilliant opportunity. She has provided me with a sign up sheet for families/friends of Rainbow's to attend a no-obligation photo session on Pitch Hill with 10% of orders going to Rainbow's End. The photo session will take place in the afternoon of Saturday 11th May. Rachel's natural photos are very special and you can see examples of her work at <http://www.wallflower-photographics.co.uk>. The sign up sheet will go up on the flip chart this week and so will be first come first served for slots.

Notcutts

As part of our growing theme we will be taking children to Notcutts in Cranleigh on the bus during the week commencing 20th May. Colour groups will be going on different days so this little trip will just be for children in on that day. Consent forms and information will be going out shortly.

Tilgate Park - Tuesday 11th June

Our annual Rainbow's summer trip is confirmed for Tuesday 11th June. We will be getting the coach to Tilgate Park in Crawley for a day out to see all their animals, visit the nature centre and enjoy one big picnic. We hope that every one of our children will be able to attend with parent(s) and younger siblings. The cost will be to cover the coach and a pound or two for entry to the park. The coach is booked so a letter with a reply slip will go out in pockets shortly.

Fathers Day activity morning- Friday 14th June

Friday Daddies put this date in your diary for our Father's Day activity morning. We invite daddies of children attending on this Friday 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.

Parent Questionnaire

Our "open door" and key person policies at Rainbow's End allow us to communicate with parents every day and so ideas, complaints and compliments are shared and dealt with as they arise. Every couple of years however the pre-school benefits greatly from carrying out a parent questionnaire to focus our aims towards the service we are providing. We would be very grateful if each family could take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire (that will go out in red pockets) so that we get a fair and well rounded set of data. Please place completed questionnaires in to the box by the office.

Absence

A quick reminder that if, for any reason, your child will not be attending Rainbow's on their usual day (e.g. illness), to please give us a ring/leave a message/email with the reason for absence.

Library books and resource packs

Thank you so much to those who are still volunteering with library duty. The children do love it and this term we are also lending out resource packs for the school leavers to enjoy at home.

Bulls Head Quiz Night in aid of Rainbow's End

The Bulls Head Pub in Ewhurst hold a quiz night each month in aid of different village charities. On Monday 13th May the charity that will benefit is Rainbow's End. Please come along to start at 8pm for a very enjoyable evening. There will be a raffle during the course of the evening and there is a bucket near the office for raffle prize donations.

Sports Day - Wednesday 26th June - 10.30am

Please put this date in your diary. We hope that all children and parents will be able to take part in this event, which is certainly a highlight of the Rainbow's Calendar.

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 17th July** at 1:00-2:45pm. There will also be a leavers service on the last day **Friday 19th July**. 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. Please come at 12pm to help your child set up the table and display the cakes.

Wednesday 1 st May	JJ Jack B Winnie
Friday 10 th May	Roxy Henry Josie
Wednesday 15 th May	Zac K Matthew Stan
Friday 24 th May	Jack G Greg Millie
Wednesday 5 th June	Pippa Heath Isabelle
Wednesday 12 th June	Alice Tommy Bella
Friday 21 st June	Edie Edith Erin
Friday 5 th July	Rebecca Niamh Zach M
Wednesday 10 th July	Ellie-Rose Lily Tom

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 22 Apr - Wed 24 Apr	Esther
Thur 25 Apr - Tue 30 Apr	Flora
Wed 1 May - Tue 7 May	Pippa
Wed 8 May - Mon 13 May	Sebastian
Tue 14 May - Mon 20 May	Jack R
Wed 22 May - Fri 24 May	Edith
Mon 3 Jun - Wed 5 Jun	Bella
Thur 6 Jun - Mon 10 Jun	Willa
Mon 10 Jun - Wed 12 Jun	Isabelle
Wed 12 Jun - Fri 14 Jun	Erin
Fri 14 Jun - Wed 19 Jun	Ben
Wed 19 Jun - Fri 21 Jun	Lewis
Fri 21 Jun - Mon 24 Jun	Heath
Tue 25 Jun - Thur 27 Jun	Stan
Fri 28 Jun - Tue 2 Jul	Greg
Tue 2 Jul - Fri 5 Jul	Daniel
Mon 8 Jul - Fri 12 Jul	Jack G
Mon 15 Jul - Thur 18 Jul	Zach K

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
22 nd April	S	Five Little Peas
29 th April	A	Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes
6 th May	T	Five Little Speckled Frogs
13 th May	I	Chick Chick Chicken
20 th May	N	Mary Mary

Committee notes

Committee Meeting - 30 April 2013

Everyone is welcome to attend our next committee meeting at 8pm, Tues 30th April, at The Bulls Head, Ewhurst where we will talk about the summer party and the terms and conditions for next year amongst other things. If you haven't attended a meeting before why not come along. It is a great way to be involved in the running of the pre-school as well as chance to catch up with fellow parents.

Officers 2013-2014

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 - without these positions filled we are unable to operate. We have volunteers for the secretary and treasurer roles. Someone has also come forward to say they would be prepared to be chairperson if they could share the role with someone else. So we are looking for one more person to take on this role. If anyone would like to know what is involved please contact Paula Elms. 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 Rainbows puts on during the year.

If anyone is interested in these rewarding roles please contact Paula Elms.

Summer party - Saturday 29th June 2013

Our major fundraiser this term is our summer party. We are delighted to announce that Soul Rites, a nine piece soul and blues band, have agreed to play for us. For a sneak preview of their music visit www.soul-rites.com. This event is still in the planning stage so if you would like to help organise this evening please come along to the meeting on Tues 30th April.

The Great British Picnic - Sunday 23rd June

'The Great British Picnic' is being held in the gardens of The Old Rectory, on Sunday 23rd June to raise money for the next phase of updating the playground on the rec.

There will be a children's entertainer who will amuse the kids with Punch & Judy, magic and balloon tricks along with a bouncy castle and picnic lunch.

Tickets will be on sale from the beginning of May priced £4.00 per person. Tickets will be limited so don't miss out.

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DATES FOR YOUR FRIDGE

Tuesday 30 th April	Committee meeting - 8pm, Bulls Head
Saturday 11 th May	Wallflower Photographics session - pm
Monday 13 th May	Bulls Head Quiz Night
Tuesday 14 th May	Chicks Hatch!!!!
Week Commencing 20 th May	Notcutts
Monday 3 rd June	No lunch boxes needed on this day
Monday 3 rd June	Green group coffee morning
Tuesday 4 th June	Blue group coffee morning
Wednesday 5 th June	Red group coffee morning
Thursday 6 th June	Purple group coffee morning
Tuesday 11 th June	Tilgate Park trip
Friday 14 th June	Father's Day Activity Morning
Sunday 23 rd June	Ewhurst Playground Great British Picnic
Wednesday 26 th June	Sports Day
Saturday 29 th June	Rainbow's Summer Party
Saturday 13 th July	Ewhurst Big Day Out
Wed 17 th July	Leavers Party - 1pm, Village Hall
Friday 19 th July	Leavers service -11:15am, Church