



Pre-School News

28th January 2013

Welcome Back!

Happy New Year to all our families and a warm welcome to our three new children Ben, Flora and Sebastian. Despite the snow we have been up to all sorts with our music theme (see the board for some great photos!) and Gruffalo role-play den. We are particularly proud of our snowman called Rudolf that we built one afternoon. There is a huge amount going on this term and the next so read below for some important dates and exciting opportunities.

Chinese New Year

With Chinese New Year coming up we've decided to theme the two weeks before half term on China. The children love learning about different cultures and experiencing new food, clothes and scripts. On Chinese New Year itself (**Tuesday 12th February**) children in on this day are invited to come to Rainbow's in Chinese dress. As part of this day we will be providing a Chinese lunch. Children staying for lunch on this day will not need to bring a packed lunch with them.

Coffee mornings

We have booked the Wilson Room and EYSC building for our termly coffee mornings, which will take place the week after half term. Look out for your invitation and also a feedback sheet. We encourage all parents and carers to attend as working with you helps us to plan effectively for your child's individual needs. It's a lovely opportunity for us to share with you their progress file and next steps for the coming term as well as an opportunity to meet fellow parents.

Purple Group	Monday 25 th February	Wilson Room
Blue Group	Tuesday 26 th February	Wilson Room
Red Group	Wednesday 27 th February	EYSC Building
Green Group	Thursday 28 th February	Wilson Room

Sponsored Thread

Every year at Rainbow's the children take part in a sponsored event during Rainbow's time in order to raise money for a piece of equipment or an experience that will directly affect the children involved. This year we are raising money to buy four play panels to enhance our role-play area. The panels can connect in a variety of combinations making it much more versatile than our current role-play house. The panels and the connectors cost £341.79 so this is our goal. If every child raised £7.60 we would reach our goal on target. The sponsored event this year will be a sponsored threading activity. Threading is a great activity for improving fine motor skills and hopefully the children will enjoy creating a picture or a pattern. Children could be sponsored per stitch or simply for taking part. Look out for more information and sponsor forms soon. The event will take place in the week commencing **Monday 4th March**.

Mothers Day

Further information will follow but just for your diaries we will be having a Mothers Day celebration on **Wednesday 6th March**. All children are invited to attend with a mother, grandmother or female friend/relative. Children normally in on a Wednesday will be in as usual and everyone else will be invited from 11.15am.

Zoo Lab

From the money raised at the Quiz night and the Nativity we are very lucky to have purchased some new resources including some new seating for our reading area and additions to our construction resources. On top of these resources we decided that some of the money should go towards an experience for the children. After some research we have booked for the company Zoo Lab to come to Rainbow's on **Wednesday 13th March** for the Wiggly Roadshow. Children not in on this day are invited to come in for the hour long session (probably 11am-12pm), but we need to know as soon as possible who would like to take this opportunity. Please let us know either way if you are not usually down for Wednesday sessions.

Bingo Night

Another date for your diaries is the evening of **Friday 15th March**. We will be hosting a bingo night at the Village Hall in Ewhurst. Tickets will cost £10 and include all bingo books. Doors will open at 7.30pm ready for "eyes down" at 8pm. There will be a raffle on the night and attendees are asked to bring their own refreshments and glasses. Please spread the word to your family and friends. It promises to be a good evening out if last year is anything to go by. If anyone would like any further information please speak to Paula.

The Easter Show

This year we are hoping to prepare with the children an informal performance of favourite songs and rhymes. The children love rehearsing on the stage and parents will of course be invited to watch on **Wednesday 20th March**. As with the Nativity all children will be needed to attend on this day and tickets will be issued for the performance. I appreciate that we have rather a lot planned for this half term (mostly on a Wednesday). I hope that your children will be able to participate in most if not all of the activities that we work hard to put on.

Old Rectory Easter Egg Hunt

To finish off the term, the Old Rectory has joined with us again to put on the annual Easter Egg Hunt. This year it will take place on **Sunday 24th March**. All Rainbow's children and siblings are invited to search for colour-coded pinecones in the gardens of the Old Rectory to trade in for chocolate eggs! All we ask is for parents to donate little chocolate eggs and a small number of large eggs. Boxes and posters will go up nearer the time for your donations.

Staff Training

The more observant among you will have noticed that staff days have been jiggled about slightly the last couple of weeks. The reason behind this is that we have a number of staff training courses booked for this term in order to aid their continuing professional development. Trainings include compulsory qualifications such as safeguarding and child protection but staff

will also be attending trainings on topics such as working with quiet children, two-year-old specific training and a forest school workshop.

Try a new snack

We have been providing snack on a different day each week in order to offer the experience to all children. The next three "new snack" days will be Wednesday 30th January, Thursday 7th February and Friday 15th February. Children in on these days do not need to bring snack.

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 30 th January	Esther Acen Ellie-Rose
Wednesday 6 th February	Autumn Louis Ben
Wednesday 13 th February	Flora Sebastian Thomas
Wednesday 6 th March	JJ Jack B Winnie
Friday 8 th March	Rebecca Lola Niamh
Friday 15 th March	Joseph W Darcie Manon

Rainbow Bear

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

Mon 28 Jan - Thur 31 Jan	Holly
Fri 1 Feb - Wed 6 Feb	Josie
Thur 7 Feb - Mon 11 Feb	Matthew
Tue 12 Feb - Fri 15 Feb	Cali
Half Term	Emily-Jane
Tue 26 Feb - Fri 1 Mar	Fleur
Fri 1 Mar - Tue 5 Mar	Millie
Thur 7 Mar - Mon 11 Mar	Tommy
Mon 11 Mar - Thur 14 Mar	Devon
Thur 14 Mar - Mon 18 Mar	Freya and Oliver
Mon 18 Mar - Thur 21 Mar	Edie

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
7 th January	O	I am the Music Man
14 th January	U	The Grand Old Duke of York
21 st January	L	Mr Peter Rabbit
28 th January	F	Five Little Speckled Frogs
4 th February	B	Ring o' Roses
11 th February	J	Five Little Fingers

Committee notes

Committee Meeting - 22 Jan 2013

Despite the bad weather the recent committee meeting took place. Ideally we would have liked to have rescheduled the meeting but due the communication problems in Ewhurst we had no way of letting everyone know in time. The minutes will be emailed to you all in the near future so you can see what was discussed.

Help Needed

We have a number of fundraising activities coming up (see below). Some of these events are still in the preliminary planning stages so more details will follow in due course. In the past we have found it beneficial to have teams of people working on each event to avoid overloading any individual. The teams then report back on progress to everyone at the committee meetings. Please don't be shy and come forward to sign up to help.

Bingo night - 15 March 2013

This event was run for the first time last year and proved to be a big hit so we are running it again this year. We require a couple of people to sell raffle tickets on the night and four people to bake mini muffins/sweet treats for the refreshments.

Easter Egg Hunt at the Old Rectory - 24 March 2013

The Old Rectory very kindly host this event for us which is enjoyed by both young and old alike. We run a cake stall at the event and require cakes to be made. A sign up sheet for this will be put up nearer the time.

Quiz at Bulls Head - 13 May 2013

The Bull's Head have kindly allowed us to be the beneficiary of their monthly charity quiz in May. We require someone to organise the raffle prizes for the raffle held during the evening. We also encourage people to come along and take part in the quiz and perhaps enjoy dinner as well.

Ewhurst Playground Great British Tea Party - 22 June 2013

This event is being organised by the Ewhurst playground fundraising committee and is still in

the preliminary planning stages. As one of the main users of the village playground we have been asked to help organise some activities at this event, details to follow in due course.

Cranleigh Lions Carnival – 29 June 2013

The Cranleigh Lions have been supportive to Rainbows in the past by letting us borrow their train for our own fundraising purposes. This is an opportunity to take part in their carnival on the common in Cranleigh running a stall and promoting the pre-school.

Rainbows Summer Party – 6 July 2013

This is one of our main fundraisers and usually takes the form of a meal/buffet followed by a disco/band. This year it will take place in the Village Hall and we require a team of 6-8 people to plan the event.

Ewhurst big day out – 13 July 2013

This is a fundraising initiative for Saint Peter and Saint Paul's Church, Ewhurst. It is likely that village organisations may be asked to take part and we will let you know in due course.

Officers 2013-2014

As children move up to school in September we will be losing three out of four of our officers. Next year we have decided to combine the treasurer roles into one. This means there will be three officer positions:-

1. Chairperson
2. Treasurer
3. Secretary

Paula is happy to continue as Chairperson but also has the skills required of a treasurer so would be happy to carry out this role if somebody else wanted to be the Chairperson. If anyone would be interested in coming forward for the position of treasurer, secretary or chairperson or would like to find out more, please speak to Paula or Emily. As a committee run pre-school we are unable to operate without these positions in place and the sooner we have volunteers lined up the smoother the transition. Being on the parent committee is a very rewarding job, a great way to meet new people and ensure the best provision for your child.

More information about the committee and the roles can be found on the website and on the parents notice board outside the hall.

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DATES FOR YOUR FRIDGE

Tuesday 12 th February	Chinese New Year Dressing up day Chinese lunch Both for children in that day
Monday 25 th February	Purple Group Coffee Morning
Tuesday 26 th February	Blue Group Coffee Morning
Wednesday 27 th February	Red Group Coffee Morning
Thursday 28 th February	Green Group Coffee Morning
Week commencing Monday 4 th March	Sponsored thread
Wednesday 6 th March	Mothers Day Celebration
Wednesday 13 th March	Zoo Lab Visit
Friday 15 th March	Bingo Night
Wednesday 20 th March	Easter Show
Sunday 24 th March	Old Rectory Easter Egg Hunt
Monday 29 th April	Sayers Croft Visit for ALL school leavers. Information to follow
Monday 13 th May	Bulls Head Quiz Night in aid of Rainbow's
Week commencing 10 th June (tbc)	Annual Rainbow's Outing for children and families, this year to Tilgate Park Date to be confirmed - details to follow
Saturday 22 nd June	Ewhurst Playground Great British Tea Party
Wednesday 26 th June (provisional)	Sports Day
Saturday 29 th June	Cranleigh Carnival
Saturday 6 th July (evening)	Rainbow's Summer Party
Saturday 13 th July	Ewhurst Big Day Out
Leavers party	Friday 19 th July