



Pre-School News

27th January 2014

Welcome Back!

Happy New Year to all our families and a warm welcome to our six new children Isabelle, Alfie, Tilly, Edgar, Elise and Ruby. The new year has brought a few other exciting changes to Rainbow's including our stay and play scheme, new interactive online learning journal and some new resources (small world play and painting aprons). Highlights so far this term have been the Tiger coming to tea, building an almost life size fire engine, our dressing up day and we're very much looking forward to the Cranleigh Fire Engine visiting us on Tuesday. We have lots planned for the coming term for the children and parents so read on and scribble in your diary.

Chinese New Year

With Chinese New Year coming up (31st January) we've decided to theme the two weeks after on China. The children love learning about different cultures and experiencing new food, clothes and scripts. On **Tuesday 4th 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 again for our termly coffee mornings, which will take place the two weeks after half term. Look out for your invitation and also a feedback sheet. We encourage all parents/carers and children 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 and next steps for the coming term as well as an opportunity to meet fellow parents.

Green Group	Monday 24 th February	Wilson Room
Red Group	Tuesday 25 th February	Wilson Room
Purple Group	Monday 3 rd March	Wilson Room
Blue Group	Tuesday 4 th March	Wilson Room

Sponsored Slide!

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 bring our reading area outside (for sunny days) and also to improve our 'outer space' small world resources (the boys and the girls are often requesting the small set we have already). We have found some lovely outdoor cushions, some big books and a brilliant wooden rocket station that all comes to £318.15 so this is our goal. If every child raised £7.50 we would reach our target. The sponsored event this year will be a sponsored slide! Children will each have a certificate that staff will stamp each time they

go down our wooden slide forwards, backwards, super man style or feet first on their tummy. Climbing and experimenting with different ways of moving is an important part of their gross motor development and hopefully the children will enjoy gaining their certificate at the end of the week. Children could be sponsored per slide, for completing each style of slide or simply for taking part. Look out for more information and sponsor forms soon. The event will take place in the week commencing **Monday 3rd March**.

Billy Beware! Wednesday 12th March 2014

From the money raised at the Quiz night and the Nativity we are very lucky to have purchased some new resources including some aprons more fitting for our tinier two year olds, fire station small world resources and role play props. 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 touring company Aesop's to come to Rainbow's on **Wednesday 12th March** to perform Billy Beware, a fun and interactive play themed around keeping safe. Children not in on this day are invited to come in with their parents for the 45 minute performance (10.15am for 10.30am start) 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 14th 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 the last two years are 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 26th March**. As with the Nativity all children will be needed to attend on this day and 'tickets' will be allocated for the performance. At the show there will be the opportunity to purchase some beautiful hand knitted Easter toys complete with Easter egg. 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.

Church Service - Thursday 27th March 2014

Our end of term service will take place at 11.30am on the last Thursday of term. All children are invited to attend. Children in on that day will be escorted up to the church. Those staying for lunch we will then take back down to Rainbow's. Children going home for lunch will need to be picked up from the Wilson Room after the service.

Old Rectory Easter Egg Hunt

To finish off the term, the Old Rectory has kindly joined with us again to put on the annual Easter Egg Hunt. This year it will take place on **Sunday 6th April**. 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

Staff attend training courses throughout the year in order to aid their continuing professional development. Trainings include compulsory qualifications such as safeguarding and child protection but this term training includes 'hands on maths', 'looking at people and communities', 'forest school', 'inclusion' and 'the developing child'.

Sayers Croft

Bramble farm in West Horsely kindly donated some money to Rainbow's over the Christmas period to be spent on outdoor learning. We have decided to spend this money on a trip to Sayers Croft at the beginning of the summer term (date tbc) for all the school leavers. Usually this trip is paid for by the parents so we are very lucky to be able to offer this free of charge. Think of it as a leaving present from us.

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 29 th January	Fleur Alice Zach
Friday 7 th February	Tilly Daisy Isabelle T
Wednesday 12 th February	Alfie Devon Erin
Friday 28 th February	Oliver Freya Heath
Friday 7 th March	Milly Tommy Lewis
Friday 14 th March	Edie Emily-Jane Sebastian
Friday 21 st March	Stan Amelia Freddie

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.

Wed 29 Jan - Mon 3 Feb	Lara
Mon 3 Feb - Mon 10 Feb	Heath
Thur 13 Feb - Over Half Term	Ben
Mon 24 Feb - Mon 3 Mar	Autumn
Mon 3 Mar - Mon 10 Mar	Flora
Mon 10 Mar - Mon 17 Mar	Sebastian
Mon 17 Mar - Mon 24 Mar	Charlie

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. Jayne has been putting up the words to our song of the week on the white board if you need to brush up!

Week commencing	Sound	Song
6 th January	O	Rock a Bye Baby
13 th January	U	10 Fat Sausages
20 th January	L	London's Burning
27 th January	F	This Old Man
3 rd February	B	Hey Diddle Diddle
10 th February	J	Miss Polly

Committee notes

Committee Meeting - 14th Jan 2014

Thanks to all those parents who attended the meeting the other week. The minutes will be emailed to you all in the near future so you can see what was discussed. See below for information on how you can help this year.

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 - 14 March 2014

This event was run for the first time two years ago 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.

Nearly New Sale - March 2014

We are planning to run a 'nearly new sale' in March. The location will be dependent on interest and amount of sellers but is likely to be in the Ewhurst Village Hall or the Ellens Green Memorial Hall. We are thinking the fee will be £10 a table for sellers (which can be all baby equipment - all we ask if you have big items is to take a photo of them due to limited space). Then it will be £1 entrance fee for buyers.

Anyone who may be interested in a table could you kindly reply to Rachel at thommos@live.co.uk showing interest so we can book an appropriate venue.

Just to make it clear - you pay for the table, and what you make on your items is yours!

If there is anyone who has stuff to sell but doesn't want a table you can donate the items to the Rainbow's table where all money raised will go to Rainbow's!

Daddy DIY

We are looking for a team of Dads to help with some jobs in our outdoor play area at Rainbow's. So to all you budding builders, DIY dads or those of you who like a challenge please could you get in touch with Rachel at thommos@live.co.uk. A list of jobs is building up e.g. smartening up the market trolley, repairing the name tree etc. We are also hoping to build the children a water wall and to clear some debris from the roof above the outdoor play area.

We are thinking of holding it on a Saturday or Sunday morning.

Easter Egg Hunt at the Old Rectory - 6th April 2014

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.

Rainbows Summer Event - 14 June 2014

The date has been set for our main fundraiser of the year so please make a note of it in your diary. A team is meeting at the Bull's Head on Tuesday 11th February at 7.30pm for 8pm start planning this event. If you would like to join them please let Rachel know.

Quiz at Bulls Head - Monday 7th July 2014

The Bull's Head have kindly allowed us to be the beneficiary of their monthly charity quiz in July. 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 Carnival - 12 July 2014

The bi-annual carnival takes place this year on the recreation ground in Ewhurst. Last time the weather was dreadful so we're hoping the sun shines this time! The theme is Mardi Gras and the children will be invited to take part in the procession. We also take the opportunity to run a stall, the proceeds of which are shared between Rainbow's and the organisations chosen by the carnival committee. A sign up sheet for volunteers to man the stall will be put up in due course.

Officers 2014-2015

As children move up to school in September we will be losing two out of three of our officers. Rachel is happy to continue as Chairperson but the positions of treasurer and secretary need to be filled. If anyone would be interested in coming forward for the position or would like to find out more, please speak to Rachel 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 in the corridor or feel free to talk to the current officers.

FYI - Term Dates 2014/2015

Autumn Term 2014

8th September - 12th December

Half Term 27th October - 31st October

Spring Term 2015

5th January - 27th March

Half Term 16th February - 20th February

Summer Term 2015

20th April - 10th July

(May Bank Holiday 4th May)

Half Term 25th May - 29th May

DATES FOR YOUR FRIDGE

Tuesday 4 th February	Chinese New Year Dressing up day Chinese lunch Both for children in that day
Monday 24 th February Tuesday 25 th February Monday 3 rd March Tuesday 4 th March	Green Group Coffee Morning Red Group Coffee Morning Purple Group Coffee Morning Blue Group Coffee Morning
Week commencing Monday 3 rd March	Sponsored slide!
Wednesday 12 th March	Theatre Visit - all children RSVP
Friday 14 th March	Bingo Night
Wednesday 26 th March	Easter Show
Thursday 27 th March	Church Service
Sunday 6 th April	Old Rectory Easter Egg Hunt
Monday 7 th April	Bank Holiday - No pre-school
Tuesday 10 th June	Annual Rainbow's Outing for children and families, this year to Wisley. Details to follow
Saturday 14 th June (evening)	Rainbow's Summer Event
Wednesday 18 th June	Sports day (provisional date)
Monday 7 th July	Bulls Head Quiz Night in aid of Rainbow's
Wednesday 9 th July	Leavers Party
Saturday 12 th July	Ewhurst Carnival

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