



Pre-School News

29th January 2015

Welcome Back!

Happy New Year to all our families and a warm welcome to our three new children Jessi, Zachary and James. We have a lot to look forward to this year at Rainbow's. Please read on for information about activities and events coming up as well as a few notices from the staff.

In staff news, as you may have read on our facebook page (please 'like' if you haven't already), we recently achieved the highest award of 5 for our surprise food hygiene inspection. We are very excited about Rachael's application to achieve a Forest School Leader qualification. David Minns at the rectory has kindly offered for us to use his wooded garden for this and we are in the process of going through the proper channels to make this venture safe and insured. Our hope is that children at Rainbow's will get the opportunity daily to learn and play in a 'forest' environment. Continuing professional development is very important to us at Rainbow's and this term staff are attending a variety of day trainings on such topics as developing children's listening and attention, cooking with children and physical development.

Chinese New Year

With Chinese New Year coming up (19th February) we've decided to theme the next two weeks on China. The children love learning about different cultures and experiencing new food, clothes and scripts. On **Thursday 12th February** children in on this day are invited to come to Rainbow's in Chinese dress. As part of this day the children will be helping to provide a Chinese lunch. Children staying for lunch on this day will not need to bring a packed lunch with them.

The Gingerbread Man - Tuesday 17th February, 10am

Aesops Travelling Theatre Company will be coming to the Toddler Group at Ewhurst Baptist Church at **10am on Tuesday 17th Feb** (Half Term) to perform 'The Gingerbread Man', a well-known tale full of colourful characters.

The 45 minute play is suitable for children age 2-7 years and will be followed by refreshments. The Baptist church have invited Rainbow's children (and siblings) to come, expressing that they would love to see us all especially, and parents/Grandparents that would like to join us. Please sign up at Rainbow's (sheet on the whiteboard), or call Jackie 01483 495426, stating number of adults and children attending.

Coffee mornings

We have booked the Wilson Room again 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/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 23 rd February	Wilson Room
Purple Group	Tuesday 24 th February	Wilson Room
Red Group	Wednesday 25 th February	Wilson Room
Blue Group	Thursday 26 th February	Wilson Room

Sponsored Rainbow Challenge!

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 update our home corner units. Our role-play area is always very popular and also very important. Children re-enact and therefore make sense of everyday experiences such as washing up, having dinner, making phone calls etc. Home corner play leads the way to lots of lovely chat and cooperative play. We recently had to say goodbye to our washing machine as too many things had fallen off even after repair. Our other units are hanging on in there but in need of replacing. The units we have in mind are from Community Playthings who make a lot of our furniture that we have at Rainbow's. They are amazing quality and well researched. Two units come to a total of £432 so this is our goal. If every child raised £10 we would reach our target. The sponsored event this year will be a sponsored rainbow challenge! The staff have in mind several challenges to take place over the week involving the children having to identify objects by colour e.g. throwing bean bags into the right colour bucket, colour scavenger hunt etc. Children can be sponsored per item or simply for taking part. We will be recording each child's progress and present a certificate at the end of the week. Look out for more information and sponsor forms soon. The event will take place in the week commencing **Monday 2nd March**.

Mobile Farm - Wednesday 4th March

From the money raised at the Quiz night and the Nativity we are very lucky to have purchased some new resources including some story sacks, communication and language resources and fine motor skills toys. 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 farm 'Cuddle-Me-Do' to come to Rainbow's on **Wednesday 4th March**. For Children who normally attend on a Wednesday, they will enjoy this as part of their normal session. For those who do not usually attend on a Wednesday they are invited to come with their parents at 11am for one hour. We will be asking these parents to say whether they will be coming or not soon. Parents/Grandparents will need to stay for this second session.

Mothers Day - Wednesday 18th March at 11.15am

This year mothers day is on Sunday 15th March. We would like to invite mums (or grandmas, aunties etc.) to join in with a mothers day activity on **Wednesday 18th March at 11.15am**. Wednesday children can be dropped off as usual at 9.15am and mums can come back for 11.15am. If your child does not usually attend on a Wednesday then please do still come at 11.15am for one hour.

The Easter Show - Wednesday 25th March

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 25th March at 10.30am**. As with the Nativity all children will be needed to attend on this day (at 9.15am) and 'tickets' will be allocated for the performance. At the show there will be a raffle and refreshments. 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 26th March 2014

Our end of term service will take place at 11.30am on the last Thursday of term. David Minns is very pleased to be taking over our services from Tricia now that she has moved on. All children are invited to attend. Children in on that day will be escorted up to the church. Refreshments are available in the Wilson Room after service. Those children 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 the morning of **Sunday 29th 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.

Sayers Croft

The money raised from the Bulls Head pub quiz last year has been ear marked to enable us to take two trips to Sayers Croft this year. Usually we just take the school leavers but we thought that the younger children would benefit just as much if not more from the experience so we shall be planning two separate trips. This will be at the beginning of the summer term (date tbc). Usually this trip is paid for by the parents so we are very lucky to be able to offer this free of charge.

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 11 th February	Jacob Daisy
Wednesday 4 th March	Alfie Joshua
Thursday 26 th March	Scarlett Eli

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 26 Jan - Mon 2 Feb	Alfie
Mon 2 Feb - Mon 9 Feb	Jack
Mon 9 Feb - Over Half Term	Jodie
Mon 23 Feb - Mon 2 Mar	Cody
Tue 3 Mar - Tue 10 Mar	Alice
Wed 11 Mar - Wed 18 Mar	Daisy
Thur 19 Mar - Thur 26 Mar	Scarlett
Fri 27 Mar - Over Easter hols	George R

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
5 th January	O	Wind the Bobbin Up
12 th January	U	Five Little Speckled Frogs
19 th January	L	Little Miss Muffet
26 th January	F	Tommy Thumb
2 nd February	B	Five Little Men in a Flying Saucer
10 th February	J	Sing a Song of Sixpence

Healthy Lunchboxes

Please can we remind parents to provide healthy lunches if their child stays for lunch i.e. avoiding crisps, chocolate and sweets. For ideas look on www.childrensfoodtrust.org.uk

All Weather Wear

Another reminder that we go outside with the children every day, not just into our outdoor area. Please can parents make sure children have named hats, scarves and gloves if necessary as well as an appropriate coat. Spare jumpers are often useful too but please make sure you name everything that your child comes to pre-school in.

Snacks and Water Bottles

Please make sure you name these as the children sometimes get muddled, especially when they have the same bottle or pot/banana as somebody else.

Parent Library Duty

The children have been missing out on choosing library books this term. Please volunteer if you can to stay for 15 minutes at drop off to help with this. Sign up sheet is on the white board as you leave the hall.

Active Kids Vouchers

Active Kids Vouchers at Sainsbury's starts again soon. Please get collecting for Rainbow's.

Committee notes

Pre-loved Table Top Sale - Saturday 7th March 9.30am

We are running a **Pre-Loved Table Top Sale** on **Saturday 7th March** at Cranleigh Guide Hall (set in the Co-op car park) from **09.30 - 12.30**.

A table will cost £10 in advance of the sale. Any proceeds you make on the day are yours! We anticipate a lot of baby/toddler clothes/toys etc but please use this to sell whatever you want!! More the better!

We will be charging people 50p on the door to get in, and will also be selling tea, coffee and some home made cakes. We will also have a Rainbow's table, so if you aren't taking a table but would still like to help out then we are welcoming donations for the table, but also looking for volunteers to help out on the door and in the kitchen on the day.

If you would like to take a table or would like to donate items to the Rainbow's table, then please email rainbowsfundraiser@outlook.com to book.

Summer Party

It seems a long way off, but we do need to turn our thoughts to the Summer Party soon. A meeting will be held in the Bull's Head in the next few weeks (date to be confirmed) but if you have any ideas or suggestions as to what you think we should do for this fundraiser then please do let us know.

New committee

If you would like to be involved in the Committee or would like to become an Officer in the next academic year, then please do let us know. It's a great chance to be actively involved with Rainbow's and ensuring fund raising events take place.

DATES FOR YOUR FRIDGE

Thursday 12 th February	Chinese New Year Dressing up day Chinese lunch Both for children in that day
Tuesday 17 th February (Half Term)	The Gingerbread Man - 10am at Ewhurst Baptist Church RSVP
Monday 23 rd February Tuesday 24 th February Wednesday 25 th February Thursday 26 th February	Green Group Coffee Morning Purple Group Coffee Morning Red Group Coffee Morning Blue Group Coffee Morning
Week commencing Monday 2 nd March	Sponsored rainbow challenge!
Wednesday 4 th March	Mobile Farm all children RSVP
Saturday 7 th March	Table Top Sale - 9.30am
Wednesday 18 th March	Mothers Day - 11.15am
Wednesday 25 th March	Easter Show - 10.30am
Thursday 26 th March	Church Service - 11.30am
Sunday 29 th March	Old Rectory Easter Egg Hunt
Tuesday 9 th June	Annual Rainbow's Outing for children and families. Details to follow
Wednesday 17 th June	Sports day (provisional date)
Monday 6 th July	Bulls Head Quiz Night in aid of Rainbow's
Wednesday 8 th July	Leavers Party

FYI - Term Dates 2015/2016

Autumn Term 2015

7th September - 11th December

Half Term 26th October - 30th October

Spring Term 2016

4th January - 24th March (Thursday)

Half Term 15th February - 19th February

Summer Term 2016

18th April - 8th July

(May Bank Holiday 2nd May)

Half Term 30th May - 3rd June