



# Pre-School News

21<sup>st</sup> January 2016

## Welcome Back!

Happy New Year to all our families and a warm welcome to our three new children James, Beau and Harlyn. 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.

## VMA Dance

On **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January** we are inviting back Vicky from VMA dance in Rudgwick to lead some dance with the children in that morning. Last term when she came the children really enjoyed her session. This term she is coming on a different day so hopefully the children who did not get to take part last time will get to have a go.

## Chinese New Year

With Chinese New Year coming up (8<sup>th</sup> February) we have decided to theme the next three weeks on "around the world". The children love learning about different cultures and experiencing new food, clothes and scripts. On **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Coffee mornings

We have booked the Wilson Room and EYSC building 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 is 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.

Blue Group	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Wilson Room
Purple Group	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Wilson Room
Green Group	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Wilson Room
Red Group	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	EYSC Building

### **Mothers Day - Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 11.15am**

This year mothers day is on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March. We would like to invite mums (or grandmas, aunties etc.) to join in with a mothers day activity on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Hare and The Tortoise! Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

The touring company Aesop's have been booked to come to Rainbow's on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March** to perform The Hare and The Tortoise, An adaptation based on the traditional story from Aesop's Fables. This exciting production with its loveable characters will take young children on an adventure full of laughter and surprises. They will participate in the thrill of the race whilst learning an important moral.

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.

### **The Easter Show - Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

Our end of term service will take place at 11.30am on the last Thursday of term. This is also the last day of term. 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 - Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Baker's Child**

As always, we ask different parents to help make or buy 20 small 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. We charge cakes at 20p and we usually sell out, which raises a nice amount of money for Rainbow's each term. Remember we are a nut free zone. For healthy recipe ideas see our recipe book on our website.

Wednesday 20 January	Jessi Connor
Friday 29 January	Edgar Lilly S
Wednesday 3 February	Jemima Maggie
Friday 12 February	Huxley Chloe
Friday 26 February	Esme Josh
Wednesday 2 March	Georgia Jack
Friday 11 March	Henry Freddie
Wednesday 16 March	Georgie James M

### **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.

Tues 26 Jan-Tues 2 Feb	Joanie
Tues 2 Feb- Tues 9 Feb	Olivia
Thur 11 Feb-over Half Term	Eli
Fri 26 Feb-Wed 2 Mar	Jessi
Thurs 3 Mar-Thurs 10 Mar	Riley
Thurs 10 Mar-Thurs 17 Mar	Lara
Fri 18 Mar-Thurs 24 Mar	Georgia & Jack

## **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!

<b>Week commencing</b>	<b>Sound</b>	<b>Song</b>
11 <sup>th</sup> January	O	Incy Wincy Spider
18 <sup>th</sup> January	U	10 Fat Sausages
25 <sup>th</sup> January	L	London Bridge is Falling Down
1 <sup>st</sup> February	F	Miss Polly had a Dolly
8 <sup>th</sup> February	B	Hey Diddle Diddle
HALF TERM		
22 <sup>nd</sup> February	J	Easter Show Songs
29 <sup>th</sup> February	W	
7 <sup>th</sup> March	V	
14 <sup>th</sup> March	Y	
21 <sup>st</sup> March	S	

## **Stay and Play**

We hope those of you who have stayed so far have enjoyed their morning. We have put some more dates up on the board for those who missed out last term, but those who have stayed before are also more than welcome to come again.

## **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](http://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 mittens 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.

## **Active Kids Vouchers**

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

## **Milk Bottle Igloo**

Thank you to everyone who donated their recycled milk bottles for the giant igloo. Unfortunately whatever we tried we could not get the bottles to bind together due to having to keep it outside in the damp. We tried, pva, glue guns, "no more nails", you name it... At least we tried...

## **Committee notes**

### **Committee meeting - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

Parents are invited to a committee meeting at Brick House, The Street for 8pm. Items to discuss include recruitment, incorporation update, Summer party and Ewhurst Carnival; all important to the smooth and successful running of your pre-school. Please let us know if you would like to come.

### **Recruitment**

We are still searching for candidates for our assistant and manager vacancies so please keep spreading the word or indeed apply yourself if you are keen...

### **Help needed**

Please look out for notices requesting your help for some upcoming events. This term we will be asking for egg donations for the Easter Egg Hunt, and further ahead, volunteers to help organise or run the summer fundraiser and/or carnival stall will be gratefully received. The more the merrier... Contact us on [teamrainbows2015@gmail.com](mailto:teamrainbows2015@gmail.com) if you have any ideas/useful contacts or would like to offer help however great or small.

## DATES FOR YOUR FRIDGE

Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	VMA dance sessions for children in that morning.
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Chinese New Year Dressing up day Chinese lunch Both for children in that day
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> February Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Blue Group Coffee Morning Purple Group Coffee Morning Green Group Coffee Morning Red Group Coffee Morning
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Mothers Day - 11.15am
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	The Hare and The Tortoise - 10.15am
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Old Rectory Easter Egg Hunt
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Easter Show - 10.30am
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Church Service - 11.30am LAST DAY OF TERM
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Good Friday - RAINBOW'S CLOSED
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of Summer Term 2016
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Annual Rainbow's Outing for children and families. Details to follow
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Sports day (provisional date)
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers Party
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Ewhurst Carnival - Rainbow's children invited to join our parade, Parents invited to help run stall.

### FYI - Term Dates 2016/2017

#### **Autumn Term 2016**

12<sup>th</sup> September - 9<sup>th</sup> December

Half Term 24<sup>th</sup> October - 28<sup>th</sup> October

#### **Spring Term 2017**

3<sup>rd</sup> January (Tuesday) - 31<sup>st</sup> March

Half Term 13<sup>th</sup> February - 17<sup>th</sup> February

#### **Summer Term 2017**

24<sup>th</sup> April - 14<sup>th</sup> July

(May Bank Holiday 1<sup>st</sup> May)

Half Term 29<sup>th</sup> May - 2<sup>nd</sup> June