

24th May 2013

With so much happening in the next few weeks we thought it appropriate to send you a newsletter rather than lots of separate emails. So here goes....

Staff Vacancy

With Sally leaving us at the end of this term it has left with us a vacancy for a pre-school assistant to work 11.00 hours a week, during term time, from September 2013. A level 3 qualified person is preferred although this is not essential. If you, or anyone you know, are interested in this position please look at the vacancy section of the website for more details. The closing date for applications is Friday 7th June 2013.

Early Drop Off

At the recent committee meeting the subject of early drop off was raised. It was noted that this service is very well used and on occasion parents have to be turned away as the limit of six children has been reached. In light of this and in recognition of the fact that the current fee of £1 is less than our normal rate the charge will be increasing to £2 for a 9am drop off with effect from 3 June 2013. This service will be available to the first six children and entry will only be permitted with payment of the £2 fee.

All money received from early drop off is spent on resources used by the children and it funded the recent Zoolab visit.

Coffee Mornings 3rd -6th June 2013

Our final coffee mornings for this academic year will take place the first week back after Half Term at 9.15am. Please see below for your colour groups date and venue.

Group	Date	Venue
Green Group	Monday 3 rd June 2013	Wilson Room
Blue Group	Tuesday 4 th June 2013	Wilson Room
Red Group	Wednesday 5 th June 2013	EYSC Building
Purple Group	Thursday 6 th June 2013	Wilson Room

Group Lunch - Monday 3rd June 2013

This terms group lunch is taking place on Monday 3rd June 2013. Children who stay for lunch on this day will not need to bring a packed lunch, as they will be preparing the lunch themselves.

Fun and Games on the Rec - Sunday 9th June, 11am

We are aware that many parents do not know each other, especially the dads. In order to rectify this and to have some fun at the same time we are going to be holding a fun and games event on the recreation ground in Ewhurst on Sunday 9th June from 11am onwards. It is free of charge and everyone is invited. Just bring along your own picnic.

There is a sign up sheet on the flipchart at Rainbow's for those wishing to join in.

Ewhurst School Transition Visits - 10th, 17th June 2013

If you would like staff to escort your child up to Ewhurst school on these dates then please ask permission from the school first that it is ok for us to drop them off. Parents will need to collect from Ewhurst School.

Tilgate Park - Tuesday 11th June

Our annual Rainbow's summer trip is coming up on the Tuesday 11th June. Letters have gone out with a proposed itinerary for the day and a form to complete and return with payment in full. We need this back by the end of our first week back after half term (7th June).

Fathers Day activity morning- Friday 14th June

We remind you that Friday Daddies are invited to 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.

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 are on sale priced £4.00 per person. Tickets will be limited so don't miss out. Ticket hotline 01483 267020/vantriet@btinternet.com.

AGM - Tuesday 25th June 2013, 8pm, The Bulls Head

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 25th June, 8pm, The Bulls Head. This is a chance to hear what has been happening at Rainbow's over the past year and an opportunity to vote in new officers for the next year. All parents of children currently attending are eligible to vote and to make any votes count we need a minimum 15 parents present so please do come and join us.

Under the Sea Sports Day - Wednesday 26th June - 10.30am

All children will be taking part in this year's 'Under the Sea' Sports Day. We will be asking for a small donation towards team t-shirts, which the children love. Each child will need a parent/carer present at the sports day and Rainbow's will not be open before hand as staff will be setting up for the event at the recreation ground.

Summer Party - Saturday 29th June 2013, 7.30pm

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.

The evening will start at 7.30pm with the cocktail bar serving Pimms and Mojito's open until 8.30pm. The band will start playing at 8pm. During the interval we will be holding the raffle as well as serving cheeses and French bread. The evening is set to draw to a close at 11pm.

Tickets cost £15 and are going to be limited to 100 so will sell out fast. Please see Paula for tickets.

To maximise the revenue for Rainbow's End we will be seeking donations of cheeses nearer the time and will be putting up a sign up sheet for this. Thank you in advance for your support.

Ewhurst Big Day Out - Saturday 13th July

This is a fundraising event for St Peter & St Paul's church in Ewhurst. We have paid a small fee to run a new/nearly toy stall at this event and all proceeds will go to Rainbow's End. If you are having a clear out between now and then please think of us and put your items to one side. We will let you know nearer the time when you will be able to drop them off.

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.

Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who has returned their questionnaires. If you haven't yet they would be gratefully received as soon as possible.

Welly Bags

At the request of the Parish Council we have purchased some drawstring welly bags for us to keep at Rainbow's. Please could your child's wellies go inside these blue bags (in a plastic bag) if you would like to leave them here. The new bags are not to go home.

Themes

We have 7 weeks left till the summer holidays. To coincide with sports day our theme for the first 4 weeks will be 'under the sea'. To finish off the year we will be learning all about the weather. Sound and Song of the week will go out after half term.

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DATES FOR YOUR FRIDGE

Monday 3 rd June	No lunch boxes needed on this day
Monday 3 rd June	Early drop off fee increases to £2
Monday 3 rd June - Wilson Room Tuesday 4 th June - Wilson Room Wednesday 5 th June - EYSC Building Thursday 6 th June - Wilson Room	Green group coffee morning Blue group coffee morning Red group coffee morning Purple group coffee morning
Friday 7 th June	Pre-school assistant job vacancy closes
Sunday 9 th June	Fun & Games on Ewhurst Recreation Ground, 11am
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
Tuesday 25 th June	Rainbow's End AGM, Bulls Head, 8pm
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 END OF TERM