

20th October 2014

A half term gone already!

What a lovely half term we've had getting to know all the new children and families.

Our role-play area has been very popular this term. We have had lots of fun in the farm shop and building tractors.

The children have been planting winter plants and bulbs out the front and garden and made a rather scary looking scarecrow too. We have done lots of cooking, learnt lots of new songs and the children have enjoyed trying out our new Walkie-Talkies.

Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to help with the library and to those who have signed up to offer many talents and skills this year. We still need volunteers on Wednesdays and Thursdays for library. Please let us know if you can help.

Coffee mornings

Hopefully you will have all received your invitation to your child's colour group coffee morning. It would be great to see you all there with your children, as parents and staff have found them to be wonderful opportunities to chat about your child's progress as well as meet the other children and parents in your colour group. We value your input and feedback so we encourage parents to jot down any thoughts to add to our observation and progress files.

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| Purple Group | Monday 3 rd November | Wilson Room |
| Green Group | Tuesday 4 th November | Wilson Room |
| Red Group | Thursday 6 th November | Wilson Room |
| Blue Group | Friday 7 th November | Wilson Room |

Half term planning

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| Week 1 | Bonfire Night Theme NO SNACK NEEDED ON WEDNESDAY 5 th NOVEMBER as we will be having a hot dog snack round the bonfire (not a real one). |
| Week 2 and 3 | People Who Help Us We hope to be having visits from the ambulance, fire service and police over the two weeks. Any ideas or resources you can lend would be much appreciated. |
| Week 4-6 | Christmas We will be practising our nativity play as well as getting busy with our Christmas goody bags |

Hot lunch on Tuesday 11th November

Each term at Rainbow's we try to organise a lunch that the children can help to make and then eat together. Therefore those staying for lunch on Tuesday 11th November will not need a packed lunch.

Crossing the road

Please take care crossing the road to Rainbow's and walk up to the yellow rectangle where cars can see you. We are working on providing a safer crossing but in the meantime that is the safest system.

Stay and Play

We hope those of you who have stayed so far have enjoyed their morning. We will put more dates up after Christmas for those who missed out this time.

Lost Property

Please could you make sure that all your children's belongings are named (especially jumpers), as we already have quite a collection on the lost property pegs.

Mobile Free Zone

Just a reminder that we ask parents to keep phones in their bags when dropping off and picking up.

E-Safety

We are currently in the process of updating our e-safety policy in light of the recent introduction of the Tapestry Online Learning Journal and Facebook page. At the moment, new parents sign a permission statement that informs them of the use of photos for our online learning journal (as well as for the website/nativity DVD etc.) but we are looking into producing a more in-depth parent agreement relating to Tapestry specifically. In the meantime please can we remind parents that photos uploaded to Tapestry often include more than one child and we ask that these photos do not get uploaded to Facebook or any other public domain out of respect for everyone's privacy.

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. 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.

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| Wednesday 5 th November | Lara George R |
| Friday 21 st November | Ben R Oli |
| Wednesday 3 rd December | Amelia Charlie |

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 next half term.

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| Mon 3 Nov - Mon 10 Nov | Lara |
| Mon 10 Nov - Mon 17 Nov | Autumn |
| Tue 18 Nov - Tue 25 Nov | Ben R and Oli |
| Tue 25 Nov - Tue 2 Dec | Flora |
| Tue 2 Dec - Tue 9 Dec | Sebastian |
| Wed 10 Dec - Christmas Hols | Josh |

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 |
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| 3 rd November | C, K | Christmas Nativity Songs!! |
| 10 th November | E | |
| 17 th November | H | |
| 24 th November | R | |
| 1 st December | D | |
| 8 th December | G | |

Nativity

Parents will be given more information nearer the time but please put the dates in your diary as we will need ALL CHILDREN to attend the dress rehearsal and the performance. The dress rehearsal will be on the morning of **Thursday 4th December** and the performance will be on **Friday 5th December**. Please let Jayne or Emily know if your child will not be able to attend, as we are already planning and preparing parts and costumes.

Nut Free Zone

Please can we remind parents that Rainbow's is a nut free zone so please make sure there are no nuts in your child's lunch boxes (includes coconut and coconut water).

Committee notes

Curry and Quiz Night - 28th November 2014

This is an evening not to be missed! You will receive more information about this popular social event soon but in the meantime pop the date in your diaries and start thinking up team names!

DATES FOR YOUR FRIDGE

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| Week commencing 3 rd November | Coffee mornings: Mon - Purple group Tue - Green group Thur - Red group Fri - Blue group |
| Wednesday 5 th November | No snack needed |
| Tuesday 11 th November | Afternoon children no packed lunch needed |
| Friday 28 th November | Our famous Curry and Quiz Night Details to be confirmed |
| Thursday 4 th December | Nativity Dress rehearsal |
| Friday 5 th December | Nativity Performance |
| Thursday 11 th December | Church service 11.30am - all invited |
| Friday 12 th December | Last day of term All children invited for Christmas party and Father Christmas |