

10th September 2012

Welcome

We would like to express a warm welcome to all our new families. Everyone seems to be settling in well and we're enjoying getting to know you all.

We now have four colour groups. Some existing children will have changed groups but please note that children still have the same member of staff as their key person.

Welcome new staff

We are very pleased to welcome Rachael and Sandy to our staff team. Rachael is childcare qualified and has experience as a nanny in the area. Sandy has been working as a voluntary helper at Knowle Nursery and is keen to progress with her professional development.

Farewell to Mia

We are sorry to be losing Mia as a member of our admin team. Mia is in high demand and has taken on more hours at St. Cuthbert Mayne school in Cranleigh. We wish her well and thank her for all her hard work. We will be sure to see her around at our fundraising events, especially the Quiz Night of which she and her husband are key organisers.

Half term planning

Week 1-3	<p>All About Me: We've been planning activities for children to get to know each other and their key person. Camping role play</p>
Week 4-5	<p>Outer Space! Book week: 'Baby Brains - the smartest baby in the whole world' by Simon James</p>
Week 6-7	<p>Autumn and Harvest time Harvest lunch Trip to the church</p>

Baker's Child

Every week 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.

Wednesday 19 September	Esther Nuala Thomas
Wednesday 26 September	JJ Zac Ellie-Rose
Friday 5 October	Alissa Jack B Rebecca
Friday 12 October	Niamh Joseph Henry
Friday 19 October	Louis Darcie Josie
Wednesday 24 October	Acen Manon Winnie

Rainbow Bear

Every few days our resident bear Rainbow Bear likes to go home with a child to see what they get up to at home. He carries with him a scrapbook to collect pictures and stories of what he's been up to.

Mon 17 th -Wed 19 th September	Ellie-Rose
Thur 20 th -Mon 24 th September	Zac
Tue 25 th -Fri 28 th September	Winnie
Fri 28 th September-Tue 2 nd October	Greg
Tue 2 nd -Thur 4 th October	Stan
Thur 4 th -Mon 8 th October	Daniel
Mon 8 th -Thur 11 th October	Edie
Fri 12 th -Mon 15 th October	Heath
Tue 16 th -Tue 23 rd October	Isabelle
Thur 25 th -HALF TERM	Roxy

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. If you would like the words to any of the songs then take a look on the website under documents or ask Emily to sing it to you!

Week commencing	Sound	Song
10 th September	S	Sing a Song of Sixpence
17 th September	A	If You're Happy And You Know It
24 th September	T	Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star
1 st October	N	Tommy Thumb
8 th October	I	5 Little Monkeys
15 th October	P	Harvest Song TBC
22 nd October	M	Incy Wincy Spider

Parents' Welcome Evening - Wednesday 26th September

The committee are holding an informal welcome evening at 8pm, The Bulls Head, Ewhurst. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents and hear about the fundraising events planned for the year. Everyone is invited to attend and we would love to see you there.

Parent volunteering

Parent involvement is a huge part of Rainbow's End's success, whether it be as part of the committee and fundraising or just 15 minutes every now and then to help with washing up, library duty etc. Up on our flip chart and at the parents' welcome evening we are compiling a list of parents 'skills and talents' as well as a rota for library duty. Please take a minute to take a look at how you could get involved with your children's early education.

Wellies

Over the summer we used the money raised from the Bulls Head Quiz to purchase a class set of waterproof trousers. This means that there is no stopping us going out in snow, mud and rain to enjoy the great outdoors! Please could all children have a pair of wellies on their peg (named and in a bag) as well as a raincoat and warm clothes if necessary. These can be left at Rainbow's.

Rest Time

After lunch all children have some quiet time before we start our afternoon activities. Please discuss with your child's key person regarding their usual sleep routine and please provide a blanket and comforter if appropriate.

In case of bad weather

Very occasionally we have had to close the pre-school due to bad weather preventing staff from getting in to work. Please can we advise you to refer to the website in these cases as this is the easiest way for us to inform you all of a closure. If accessing the website would be a problem for you then please let Emily or Jayne know so they can put you on a bad weather phone list.

Parent information

Parents' notice board outside

The latest newsletter is displayed here as well as other important information so please check this regularly on your way into pre-school.

What we've been up to board

This board opposite the children's pegs is regularly updated with pictures of what we've been up to. Parents have found this a great prompt for conversation with their children.

Pockets

Please regularly check your pockets for notes as well as work that your children have produced

Flip chart

The flip chart on the way out of the hall often has important reminders up for parents and carers.

Website

If you haven't already had a browse of our website, you can find the latest newsletter, a calendar of events and all our policies and procedures.

Our website is www.rainbowsendpre-school.org.uk

Committee notes

Fees

By now everyone should have received either an invoice, funding forms or both. If you have not received anything or have a query please contact Nicola on nicola_barber@hotmail.com.

Baptist Church Bazzumble

On Saturday 6 October, there will be a Bazzumble at Ewhurst Baptist Church from 2 - 4pm, in aid of Rainbow's End Pre-School. Various stalls will include nearly new clothing, crafts, cakes, toys, plants and bric-a-brac as well as face painting, a baby bouncy castle and refreshments. Please support this event and help raise funds for our pre school.

Donations

If you fancy having a clear-out and can donate any nearly new kids/adult clothes, books or toys as well as general bric-a-brac, please contact Jackie on 01483 419138.

For all those keen bakers amongst Rainbows parents, cakes and biscuits are needed for the cake stall. Please deliver them to the Baptist Church from 10am - 1pm on Sat 6 October.

Can we also ask parents to each donate a lucky dip prize, of approx 50p in value. There will be a box available at Rainbows for these donations from 24 September.

Volunteers

If you can help out with face painting or help in the morning in receiving jumble and setting up, please let Jackie know, again on 01483 419138.

Does anyone have a good knowledge of plants, and could help with the plant stall? Please let Jackie know.

Thank you for any help you can give and look forward to seeing you at Rainbow's first fundraiser of the year.

From the committee

Important Dates for your diary

Wednesday 26th September

Parents Welcome Evening
8pm, Bulls Head Pub, Ewhurst

Saturday 6th October

Bazzumble in aid of Rainbow's End
2pm-4pm, Baptist Church, Ewhurst

Tuesday 16th October

Children's and siblings photographs
More details to follow

Wednesday 28th November

Father Christmas at the Old Rectory

Friday 7th December

Our famous Curry and Quiz Night
Details to be confirmed