



Rainbow's End
PRE-SCHOOL EWHURST

Pre-School News

10th September 2013

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.

Some existing children will have changed groups but please note that children still have the same member of staff as their key person (unless we've told you otherwise).

Welcome new staff

We are very pleased to welcome Sarah to our staff team. Sarah is childcare qualified and has experience as a nanny. We are also very pleased to welcome Kathrin, who is joining us for 4 weeks from Cologne, Germany. Kathrin is currently training to become a primary age teacher in Germany and has chosen Rainbow's for one of her experience placements.

Staff member needed

Due to Linda's departure at the end of last term we are currently recruiting a replacement member of staff. We are very pleased that Sally has kindly offered to help us out until half term to give us time to find the right candidate. The closing date for applications is 27th September so please spread the word. Information and an application pack can be found on our website. <http://www.rainbowsendpre-school.org.uk/vacancies.html>

Half term planning

Week 1-2	All About Me: We've been planning activities for children to get to know each other and their key person.
Week 3-5	The Jungle
Week 6-7	Autumn and Harvest time Harvest lunch Trip to the church

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. Please remember we are a nut free zone.

Friday 20 September	Greg Fleur Daniel
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Wednesday 25 September	Alice Oliver Freya
Friday 4 October	Stan Heath Isabelle T
Friday 11 October	Edie Emily-Jane Sebastian
Wednesday 16 October	Zach Millie Devon
Wednesday 23 October	Lewis Tommy Autumn
Wednesday 6 November	Flora Ben Bella
Wednesday 13 November	Edith Troy Amelia
Wednesday 20 November	Poppy Patrick Amelie
Friday 29 November	Erin William Hugo

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 16 th Sep - Mon 23 rd Sep	Fleur
Mon 23 rd Sep - Mon 30 th Sep	Millie
Mon 30 th Sep - Mon 7 th Oct	Tommy
Mon 7 th Oct - Mon 14 th Oct	Pippa
Mon 14 th Oct - Mon 21 st Oct	Alice
Tue 22 nd Oct - Over Half Term	Oliver and Freya
Mon 4 th Nov - Mon 11 th Nov	Zach
Mon 11 th Nov - Mon 18 th Nov	Devon
Mon 18 th Nov - Mon 25 th Nov	Willa
Mon 25 th Nov - Mon 2 nd Dec	Edie
Mon 2 nd Dec - Mon 9 th Dec	Emily-Jane

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 white flipchart or ask Emily to sing it to you!

Week commencing	Sound	Song
9 th September	S	Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes
16 th September	A	If You're Happy And You Know It
23 rd September	T	5 Little Monkeys
30 th September	N	Leo the Lion
7 th October	I	The Animals went in two by two
14 th October	P	Twinkle Twinkle
21 st October	C	Hickory Dickory Dock

Parents' Welcome Evening - Thursday 3rd October

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

Last 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

Like Us on Facebook!

'Rainbow's End Pre-school' now has it's own Facebook page. 'Like' us to receive feeds about up and coming events.

Nut free zone

We have a child at Rainbow's with a severe nut allergy so please make sure that lunch boxes and baker's child cakes do not contain nuts. Thank you.

Parent Questionnaire responses

Thank you to all of you who took part in our questionnaire last term. We have read all the comments and collated the results. In summary, we will be introducing home visits and an evening parents evening for school leavers as well as displaying policies and procedures during the first few weeks of term and rotating the days that coffee mornings fall on. You can read the results and our response on the website.

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 Paula on pandbelms@btinternet.com.

Sessions

We would like to draw your attention to the change in session section of our terms and conditions which states

"If you wish to decrease the number of sessions in attendance (including cancellation of your placement) a minimum of 1 terms notice is required. This should be notified within the first week of the term for changes to apply the following term."

If anyone needs to make a change for the spring 2014 term you will need to do so by Fri 13th Sept or else you will be liable for any shortfall in fees incurred by the pre-school including from Early Years funding.

Early Years Funding Forms.

For those of you whose child was three or over on 31 Aug 2013 you are entitled to receive up to 15 hours a week of Early Years Funding. The form to claim this funding will be ready for you to complete when you go back to pre-school. If your child turned three during the summer term you will have not claimed the funding before so you will also have a funding registration form to complete. It is imperative all forms are completed promptly as failure to do so may mean you do not meet the submission deadline and you will have to pay the fees - so please be prepared to spend five minutes at drop off completing the paperwork. If you have any queries regarding the forms please speak to Paula Elms.

Fashion Show - Friday 20th September 2013

Our first fundraiser this year. So grab your girls, mums, sister etc. and come along to a fantastic night of fashion and fun. Tickets are only £5 and are pre sale only. We have a licenced bar so there will be Prosecco flowing, wine by the bottle and soft drinks.

Retail Therapy - have done a few fundraiser fashion shows in the past for different schools and they have always been a hit. They are launching their new Autumn/Winter stock so see it here first! We will also be holding a raffle. (free mot, family spoil me hamper, beauty treatments)

Please contact Paula on 01306 627204 or Rainbows office on 01483 808488 or email rainbowsendpreschool@gmail.co.uk

Important Dates for your diary

Friday 20 th September	Fashion Show 7.45pm, Ewhurst Baptist Church
Thursday 3rd October	Parents Welcome Evening 8pm, Bulls Head Pub, Ewhurst
Tuesday 15 th October	Children's and siblings photographs More details to follow
Friday 6 th December	Nativity/Our famous Curry and Quiz Night Details to be confirmed