

15th September 2014

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.

Half term Topics

Week 1-3	All about me/All about our holidays We've been planning activities for children to get to know each other and their key person.
Week 4-7	Farming and Harvest

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.

Wednesday 17 September	Ruby Elise Poppy
Friday 26 September	Daisy William Tilly
Wednesday 01 October	Amelie Edith Abigail
Friday 10 October	Jodie Lilly S George R
Friday 17 October	Grace Esme Hugo
Wednesday 22 October	Cody Alice Georgia

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.

Tue 16 Sep - Tue 23 Sep	Edith
Tue 23 Sep - Tue 30 Sep	Hugo
Tue 30 Sep - Tue 07 Oct	Poppy
Tue 07 Oct - Tue 14 Oct	Tilly
Wed 15 Oct - Mon 20 Oct	Amelie
Mon 20 Oct - over Half Term	Edgar

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
8 th September	S	If You're Happy And You Know It
15 th September	A	Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes
22 nd September	T	Twinkle, Twinkle
29 th September	I	Old MacDonald
6 th October	N	Baa Baa Black Sheep
13 th October	P	Little Bo Peep
20 th October	M	Five Little Ducks

Stay and Play

On the board by the front door is a sign up sheet for our stay and play sessions. We would love each parent to sign up at some point in the year to experience a morning at Rainbow's. As well as being lots of fun, it is a chance to see our routine all the way through and learn more about how we deliver the EYFS.

Wellies

At Rainbow's we are lucky to have 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 named 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 - opposite children's pegs

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 on the way into the garden 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 as well useful tips and ideas for you and your children. On Facebook make sure you search for Rainbow's End Pre-school Ewhurst.

Nut free zone

Please make sure that lunch boxes and baker's child cakes do not contain nuts. Thank you.

Nappies

Please make sure those children in nappies have their own wipes in their bag as well as nappies.

Naming

Please could you make sure that all clothing, bananas, pots, boxes, bottles, wellies, blankets are named.

Early Drop Off

For those of you who are new to Rainbow's you may not be aware that we operate an early drop system. For £2 children can be dropped off at 9am at the front doors for any parents who need to dash off. We can take a maximum of 6 children for this so first come first serve and money must be paid on the door.

Parent Contact List

In the next week we will be preparing a parent contact list to share with all parents. Parents have found this useful in the past for arranging play dates/birthday parties etc. Please let us know by Friday 19th September if you do not want to be included on this list. We will be including first name of child, parents' full names, a phone number and an email address.

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.

We Need You!

Parent involvement is a huge part of Rainbow's End success and we're always on the look out for willing volunteers. In order to find out what a talented bunch we are, we will have a skills and talents list up at Rainbow's on the flip chart for you to complete, so whether your skills lie in baking, sewing, DIY, events, graphic design or just being organised, please do let us know, so that we know who to contact if we need help! We will also have a rota for library duty, it only takes up a small amount of your time but the benefit to the children is huge.

Parents' Welcome Evening - Thursday 2nd October

We will be having an informal welcome evening and committee meeting at The Bulls Head, Ewhurst on Thursday 2nd October at 8pm. Not only is this an opportunity to meet other parents, but also we will be able to update you on Rainbow's plans for the year, as well as fundraising and events for the year. Please do come along, it would be great to see as many of you as possible. We can't do the fundraising on our own, so will be looking for a team of willing volunteers to help out at all the events!

Important Dates for your diary

Thursday 2 nd October	Parents Welcome Evening 8pm, Bulls Head Pub, Ewhurst
Tuesday 14 th October	Children's and siblings photographs More details to follow
Friday 5 th December	Nativity - all children to attend
Date TBC	Our famous Curry and Quiz Night