



# Rainbow Pre-School & Extended Services

## NEWSLETTER

March / April 2020

### UP-COMING DIARY DATES 2020

- **Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> March** – World Book Day
- **Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> April** – Last day of term
- **Mon 6<sup>th</sup> April to Fri 17<sup>th</sup> April** – Easter Holiday Club (both sites)
- **Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Mon 13<sup>th</sup> April** – **CLOSED** – Bank Holiday
- **Mon 20<sup>th</sup> April** – **CLOSED** – Teacher Training day

### ADDITIONAL DATE FOR YOUR DIARY.....

**PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT FRIDAY THE 15TH MAY 2020 IS A NON-PUPIL DAY AT RAINBOW, WE ARE CLOSED FOR CHILDREN ACROSS ALL SERVICES INCLUDING BREAKFAST CLUB, AFTERSCHOOL CLUB AND PRE-SCHOOL FOR ESSENTIAL MAINTENANCE.**

### World Book Day – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Please come dressed as your favourite book characters!

### Sports Relief Day – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Please wear your sports kits to pre-school! Are you a footballer, ballerina, karate expert or something else? We would love to see you in your sporty clothes!! Please bring a £1 donation which will be forwarded to Sports Relief.

### Hot Lunch Money

**Please be advised that hot lunches are provided by a separate company and therefore we cannot accept online payments for hot lunches or payments combined with fees. You must pay separately by cash (the correct amount) or cheque made payable to Rainbow Pre-School & Extended Services which should be enclosed with your booking form.**

## Pre-School Update

The curriculum this half term will be as follows:

West Site - Overall topic is “Lets plant, lets grow, lets cook!”, with a focus on The World, Technology and Communication and Language in the EYFS. The fortnightly themes will be:

1. Planting
2. Growing
3. Cooking

At the East site the topic will be “Science Time!” with a focus on Writing, Shape Space and Measure, Speaking in the EYFS. The fortnightly themes will be:

1. Inside our body
2. Science Lab
3. Outer Space

Our activities will incorporate other events in the wider world around us such as Shrove Tuesday, Mother’s Day, World Book Day.

We will also be launching ‘WORD OF THE WEEK’ this half term. The aim is to adopt a focused approach to introduce children to new words and model the use of new language to them. The word will always link to our topics and you will find it displayed in the settings windows or notice board so you can use the same new word at home too!

Our value of focus this half term is mutual respect and tolerance. Children will be supported to consider ways in which they can value each other, respect the opinions of their peers and celebrate different cultures or backgrounds.



## Polite Reminder

**Please note the school car park at the East Site should not be used to drop or pick up children for pre-school sessions, neither should parents be using the Busy Bees car park. The Orchard Centre car park is the nearest available parking area.**

**Thank you in advance for your cooperation!**

## Home Learning Challenge

Research has proven that children are much more likely to achieve their full potential if pre-schools and parents work together in partnership to support learning and development. Therefore, each half term, we will provide you with a 'Home Learning Challenge' as a fun way of involving families in our pre-school topics.

With each newsletter a small challenge will be set for you to complete at home with your child/children. We will provide you with a book which will contain details of the challenge and a space for you to provide information. This information is one way for you to contribute to the assessments of your child's learning and helps us plan what is next for them! The activity will always be simple to complete and will not require you to spend lots of money! The time is spent playing or exploring with your child and having fun! Please encourage your child to take part and hand your child's book back into their key worker.



**This half term's challenge is.....**

**East Site – Draw your body and your family members bodies remember to think about who is taller, bigger, smaller, has long arms etc. Can you draw more features – eyes, nose, hair etc? Write down your child's descriptions of their bodies in their home learning challenge book.**

**West Site – While out and about or in your garden please collect some natural found items (leaves, sticks, seeds etc) and stick them in your Home Learning Challenge book. Write down what your child says about these items, do they know what they are called, can they describe where they come from, their colour, texture or even their job?**

## Fees Reminder

ALL fees are due in advance of attendance. Invoices are provided promptly and monthly statements will be issued. Where fees remain unpaid an external company will be used to assist us with collection, which will unfortunately incur an additional fee payable by the customer.

Our bank details for payment of fees is as follows:

Barclays Bank Account - Rainbow Pre-School & Extended Services  
Account No: 03715140 Sort Code: 20-74-81

**PLEASE USE YOUR CHILDS FULL NAME AS THE REFERENCE ACCOMPANYING YOUR BANK TRANSFER TO ALLOW US TO ALLOCATE YOUR PAYMENTS TO THE CORRECT ACCOUNT, WITHOUT THESE DETAILS YOUR ACCOUNT MAY APPEAR TO FALL INTO ARREARS!**

If you are making any payments using a cheque, it should be placed in a named envelope with the amount & information about what the payment relates to.

**PLEASE NOTE WE ARE NO LONGER ABLE TO ACCEPT CASH PAYMENTS FOR FEES**

## Coronavirus – Precautions at Rainbow

The UK Chief Medical Officers have raised the UK risk posed by Coronavirus from low to moderate. Rainbow will be taking the following additional precautions until further notice:

All children will be asked to sanitise their hands on arrival to pre-school and extended services sessions.

All visitors entering the setting will be asked to sanitise their hands on arrival.

Pre-school children also will sanitise their hands at key group time towards the end of the session.

We would politely ask all parents at the west site who may be collecting their child from extended services using the front foyer to make use of the anti-bacterial gel we will be providing for your convenience.

More information relating to Coronavirus please use the link below, to the NHS information pages: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

If you have any queries regarding the above information please do not hesitate to email enquiries@rainbow-preschool.co.uk or telephone 01767 310230.