



# Rainbow Pre-School & Extended Services NEWSLETTER

January / February 2020

## UP-COMING DIARY DATES 2020

- **Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020** – First day of term
- **Weds 15<sup>th</sup> Jan** – deadline to apply for school places for reception Sept 2020
- **Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Last day of half term
- **Mon 17<sup>th</sup> to Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Feb** – February Half Term holiday club (both sites)
- **Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Parents evening East site – by appointment
- **Weds 26<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Parents evening West site – by appointment
- **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

## Pre-School Update

The curriculum this half term will be as follows:

West Site - Overall topic is 'Keeping Ourselves Safe' with a focus on Health and Selfcare, Technology and Reading in the EYFS.

The fortnightly themes will be:

1. Health Retreat – investigating exercise and healthy eating
2. Germ Laboratory – a scientific look at being healthy, disease and the spread of germs etc
3. Road safety and the Police – learning how to be safe crossing the road, in a car and the role of the police and traffic services etc

At the East site we will be exploring 'Keeping Ourselves Healthy' with a focus on Health and Selfcare, Moving and Handling and Technology in the EYFS.

The fortnightly themes will be:

1. At the Gym – Looking at healthy lifestyles, exercise and our bodies
2. Road safety and the Police – learning how to be safe crossing the road, in a car and the role of the police and traffic services etc
3. Health Kitchen – Exploring healthy eating, nutrition and different food types.

We will also be considering other events in the wider world around us such as Chinese New Year, Road Safety Week and Safer Internet 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.**



## Staff Updates.....

As an expanding organisation, committed to providing exceptionally high quality care and education to the children who attend Rainbow we have grown our childcare teams!! Please join us in welcoming the following new staff members across our two sites:

### West Site

- Rhiannon Cullinan – Pre-School Apprentice
- Becca Procter – Extended Services Play Worker

### East Site

- Chelsea Carey-Smith – Pre-School Apprentice
- Chloe Laver - Pre-School Apprentice
- Mandy Ashford- Weeks - Extended Services Play Worker
- Angela Heaps - Extended Services Play Worker

We pride ourselves on offering opportunities for our staff to continually develop as professionals, therefore Vikki Cuthbert (SENDco at the East Site) is currently undertaking a management program which will continue for this academic year. Vikki has assumed responsibility for overseeing the East site's daily operations, our management structure allows for Vikki to continue to be fully committed to her primary responsibilities as SENDco.

## 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.....**

**How do you look after yourself?**

There are lots of things we do to keep ourselves safe and healthy, tell your Mummy or Daddy what things you do and ask them to write down what you say in your Home Learning Challenge book. Perhaps you can write some of the words yourself? Draw a picture in your Home Learning Challenge book of one of the ways you keep safe! Have fun!

## 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 cash or cheque, your money should be placed in a named envelope with the amount & information about what the payment relates to.



Please find below the details for the BBC Bitesize webpage regarding children starting lower school. It's packed with useful information for parents such as how to choose the right school for your child, supporting children to prepare for the transition, reading at home, lunch guidance etc etc.....

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/collections/starting-primary-school/1>