



# Newsletter: January 2014

## Rising Fives Pre-School Group, Whitchurch



## Hand washing

Many thanks to Dr Helen (Alex's Mummy) who came into Rising Fives to talk to the children about the importance of washing their hands, especially after visiting the toilet, before eating food and when our hands are dirty.

As well as having lots of fun washing paint and glitter off our hands, the children learnt the how to wash them thoroughly in order to wash off all the "invisible germs".

Dr Helen taught the children a hand washing song which the staff now sing with the children when they are washing their hands.

**Wash, wash, wash your hands  
Make them nice and clean  
Wash the bottoms and the tops  
And fingers in between  
(To the tune of Row, Row, Row your Boat)**

Please help us by encouraging your children to wash their hands thoroughly at home too - you could sing along with them too!



## Active Kids Vouchers

It is that time of year again! We are collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers. We hope to be able to further improve our outdoor space with the vouchers we collect.

## Winter

We've had a good start to this term, we have spent a lot of time working on our independence skills had lots of activities based around 'Winter'. We have had fun exploring ice cubes and watching them melt.

Over the last week we have also been looking at the 'Chinese New Year',

## Toy Cleaning

We are having another big toy cleaning session on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February, between 10am and 1.30pm. If you think you might be able to help out please let a member of staff know. Thank you.



## Diary Dates

Inset day -	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February
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Last day of half term -	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February
Toy Cleaning 10am-1pm -	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February
Back to Pre-school -	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February
Parents Afternoon -	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February
End of term -	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April
Term begins -	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April



- Please provide your children with Wellies so they can use our mud kitchen. We also need some spares if you have any outgrown/unused ones you could donate!
- We will be learning some nursery rhymes with the Makaton signs, we are sending them home with you to support your children at home.
- Water bottles should contain only water as part of our healthy eating policy - if this is an issue for your child please speak to your child's key person, Gill or Denise.
- We still need raffle prizes, any unwanted gifts still lying around at home? Please donate them to us!
- **RISING FIVES IS CLOSED FOR TRAINING ON THURSDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> AND FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**