



# Newsletter: June/July 2013

*Rising Fives Pre-School Group, Whitchurch*

## Parent Feedback

The Committee would like to **thank** everyone who returned the parent questionnaires. We have compiled all the data and the findings are **attached to this newsletter**.

Please keep your **ideas** coming by either talking to Theresa, a member of staff or writing to the Committee at Rising Fives.



## Fundraising

We are continuing to work hard, raising much needed funds for Rising Fives.

We have recently secured a couple of grants. One from BUPA for **£1000** to help us improve our outside areas and one from Whitchurch Town Council for **£250** towards some IT Software.

**THANK YOU** to Jo George and Jane Cumbers for securing these.

We also have our annual **Summer Picnic** with Mr Tickles coming up on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**, from 12.30pm at **The Gill Nethercott Centre**. Tickets are available from Rising Fives at **£4 per family**. **EVERYONE'S WELCOME!**

## Graduation

It's nearly that time of year again when we have to say a sad goodbye to our school starters.

We would like to celebrate their achievements whilst they have been at Rising Fives with a graduation ceremony. This will be held at Whitchurch Primary School on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2013 from 12pm - 2pm. We hope to see as many of you there as possible!

## Staff Update

You may have noticed a couple of **new faces** at Rising Fives, these are our newly appointed bank staff, helping to cover staff illness and training. They are **Dionne Willet and Susan Clarke**.

We have recently been **advertising** for another full time NVQ 3 trained staff member. This person will be enhancing the planning and learning as well as helping to set up the sessions within our pre-school.

# WOW!



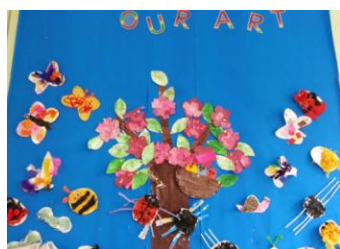
for a thoroughly enjoyable morning.

We have had quite a busy half term already at Rising Fives!

We visited the library in the first week. We had a great time singing songs, sharing books and colouring in a picture of Elmer! Followed by snacks and drinks downstairs.

**Thank you** to the library and Gill Nethercott Centre

We've also had the Whitchurch Carnival and fete to look forward to and prepare for. The children have been creative, making bugs and insects linked to our Carnival theme 'Living in the Garden' as well as it being summer. They particularly liked making the bees and ladybugs as well as trying out some still life drawings of sunflowers. We provided the children with different materials in green and yellow and let them loose. Their creations were **fantastic!**



## Reminders

**Stay and Play** - Parents are always welcome to come in and stay and play, please speak to a member of staff.

**Sun Protection** - Please ensure your child has a sun hat and sun cream applied before the beginning of each session.

**Naming Belongings** - We have an increasing amount of unnamed lost property, please have a look through to reclaim any lost items.

## Diary Dates

Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> June -	Whitchurch Carnival Walking Float
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July -	Summer Picnic
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July -	Parents meetings
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> July -	Graduation Ceremony
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July -	End of Term