



# Newsletter: May/June 2014

## *Rising Fives Pre-School Group, Whitchurch*

It is nearly that time of year again when we have to say **goodbye** to our school starters. They have already been enjoying visits to school for story time and are hopefully excited about starting 'big school' in September.

On Saturday, **5<sup>th</sup> July**, we will be holding our Graduation Party for those families leaving us to start school. Please keep a look out for more details nearer the time.

Dear Parents/Carers,  
Come and see the activities enjoyed by your child. It gives you the opportunity to see your child **having fun** and **learning** within our setting.

We **invite** and **encourage** you to join us for at least one session each term. **We look forward to you joining us soon!**

## Staff Update

Firstly we would like to say a huge THANK YOU to Denise Street and Gill Newton for all their hard work whilst they have been co-managing Rising Fives. We think you will all agree the setting is looking fantastic and the children are really enjoying their time here. Both Denise and Gill have decided that they would like to step down as co-managers as from the end of May.

We are delighted to be able to inform you that a new Manager will be joining the team from June, Sarah Pritchard. Sarah is a qualified Early Years Teacher with lots of previous experience working in a pre-school setting. Gill and Denise will continue support Sarah until the end of the term.

We are also very sad to saying farewell to Sally Lavender, who has been with us for nearly 2 years. She will be greatly missed by both staff and the children.

## £ Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who supported our quiz night at the beginning of the month. We had a lovely selection of raffle prizes and a good turn out on the night. A huge, **THANK YOU**, to the King's Arms for hosting. It was a great night and you helped raise just over **£600** for Rising Fives.

**28<sup>th</sup> June** we are hoping to take part in the Whitchurch Carnival, with a walking float. Our theme will be "**Fairy tales**", we would love to have as many families as possible join us in their fancy dress outfits.

## Naming Belongings (Please!)

Please could you label all of your child's belongings including: clothing, drinks bottles, lunch boxes etc. This will help us to easily match your child to their things and prevent things getting lost.

## Missing item

A little grey bunny has gone missing from Rising Fives, it is a very precious toy to one of our children. Please could everyone check it has not been accidentally brought back to the wrong home.

Thank you

Our main focus for this term has been **'Planting and Growing'**. The children have been discussing **how plants grow** and been **busy planting** various seeds. We will be carefully looking after our plants as any food produced will be eaten during snack times next term. Many **thanks to Emile Paisnel** for donating the seeds and planters as well as giving up his time to help us plant them all!

You may have noticed all the **wellington boot planters** that have been appearing around Rising Fives. The children have been busy using them as planters and planting flowers. They have been **carefully watering** them each day and **watching them bloom**.

The children have been making the most of the mud kitchen with the warmer weather, please make sure that you send your children in with clothes you don't mind getting a little dirty!

We have been getting creative with "**Goldilocks and the three bears**". We created our **own puppets** and used these to **tell our own version** of the story and introduced porridge at snack times which was very popular.

Next term our book theme will be "The Rainbow Fish", keep an eye out for bright and colourful fish popping up around Rising Fives.



With the warmer weather approaching please remember to:

- Provide named sunhats and spare clothing (for water play)
- Apply sun cream before each session. If your child is staying for the whole day we would advise using the 8 hour protection sun creams.
- Fill and bring in water bottles. Water is available at all times.

Thank you

## Your View Counts!

Look out for our parent questionnaire, which has been sent out. Please complete and return to Rising Fives to be entered into the raffle!



## Diary Dates

26<sup>th</sup> May - 30<sup>th</sup> May -  
25<sup>th</sup> June -  
28<sup>th</sup> June -  
5<sup>th</sup> July -  
22<sup>nd</sup> July -  
3<sup>rd</sup> September -

Half term  
Parents afternoon  
Whitchurch Carnival  
Leavers Graduation  
Last Day of term  
First day of term

Thank you for your continued support, any **help** makes a **huge** difference!