



Newsletter: May 2015

Rising Fives Pre-School Group, Whitchurch

Welcome to the Summer Term!

Now that the weather is improving, we would like to remind you to apply suncream before pre-school. Please also ensure that your child has a NAMED hat and sensible shoes (no crocs or flip-flops) and continue to send a jumper or light jacket as it can still be cold in the shade early in the morning. Thank you!


At Rising Fives, we plan from the interests of the children. We welcome you to share in this planning process, by letting us know your child's interests and motivations are at home, for example they may like to dress up as a super hero, be interested in caring for animals, or just love to dance and sing all day!.

This can be as simple as speaking to your child's keyperson or adding it to our 'Parents ideas sheet' on our planning wall by the entrance, this will enable us to further enhance our learning environments to specifically meet your child's learning and development needs.

Thank you for your continuing support and watch this space for future learning projects!

Facebook

We have been advised that it is inappropriate for staff to be Facebook friends with parents for safeguarding reasons. Please do not be offended if staff "Unfriend" you or reject your friendship requests.



Reminders:

- Please make sure that you send your child in with at least one spare set of clothes. As the weather is warming up the children will be making the most of the water play area.
- Please remember to take your child's water bottle and any artwork home with you each day.
- Stay and Play - if you can spare as little as an hour of your time please speak to your child's Key Person.
- Please return any of our spare clothes, you may have at home.

New Bench

Thank-you very much to James Bayliss for making a lovely new children's bench for us. It's perfect for the children to sit with their friends and chat

Staff Update

Welcome Michaela!

We are pleased to welcome Michaela Pyle to our staff team. She is NVQ level 3 trained and she has experience of working with children in a variety of settings.

Training/Inset

We have invested heavily in training opportunities over the last term, including the inset day. We focussed on enhancing the learning environment and developing the Key Person role.

OFSTED

Thank-you so much for all of your support during our Ofsted visit. We are very grateful to all those of you who spoke to the inspector. She was very happy about how parents and carers see our setting.

We are unable to give you information about how it went until the report comes out in a couple of weeks, but will let you know as soon as we can.

Toys from home

We understand that children may sometimes want to bring a toy from home to show to their friends or to help them settle into the session. You will appreciate that on occasion this can lead to issues such as lost toys or other children wanting to share them.

We are introducing a "Going home" box, so that children can show their toys to their friends and staff, then put them safely in the box until home time.

If your child brings toys into pre-school, please ensure they are clearly named and encourage them to put it in their bag or in the "Going home" box once shown.

If possible, try to get them to leave their toys at home.



Sainsburys Active Kids Vouchers

We are collecting Sainsburys Active Kids vouchers. Please remember to bring your vouchers into Rising Fives. Children can post them into the collection box outside the office.

Car Parking



As always please be considerate to our neighbours when parking on Wells Lane.

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!

£ Fundraising

Quiz night

Thank you to everyone that supported this event. Together with the raffle we managed to raise more than £800, including £65 kindly raised by The Kings Arms Easter raffle. The full amount will be match-funded by Barclays.

This will enable us to purchase some resources to further enhance our outdoor learning environment and electronic tablets for use by the children.

Open Day

On the morning of Saturday 16th May from 10-12 midday, we will be holding an open day for any new or prospective parents to view the setting and meet some of the staff.

If you know anyone who is looking for a pre-school place be sure to let them know of this open session.

Just turn up, have a look whilst enjoying a cup of tea and a slice of cake!



Diary Dates

22nd May
25-29 June
Weds 10th June
Sat in July (TBC)

Tues 21st July
Thurs 3 September

Last Day before holiday
Closed for Half Term
Parents Afternoon
Graduation (For children starting school Sept 2015)
Last day of Summer Term
First Day of Autumn Term