



Newsletter: September 2013

Rising Fives Pre-School Group, Whitchurch



A fresh look for a new year!

We have been very busy over the summer holidays, giving Rising Fives a new look, lots of new storage has arrived, the toys have been sorted and cleaned, new resources purchased, parts of the building removed and new zoned areas have been created.

A team from Bupa have also been in to help. They have created a new mud kitchen outside for the children and cleared the side of building which looks fantastic. We owe them a big thank you for all of their hard work.

From September dropping off and collecting your children will be slightly different. The side door, leading in from the outside play area will now be the entrance for every session. Just inside this door you will find the coat hooks, water bottle trays and our new wooden lunch trolley for lunchboxes.

Please take all the time you need to help your child get organized and settled for the session, then exit the building by the front door. There will be a member of staff available on each of these doors as well as in both the main room and kitchen area, should you have any questions, requests or need to let us know anything about your child.

This new arrangement should increase the children's independence and creates more space within preschool. If you have any questions or queries please speak to a member of staff.



AGM - All welcome!

The **Annual General Meeting** will be on **25th September 2013, 8pm** at Rising Fives. The meeting will be a time for the existing committee to report on the previous year and new parents to sign up.

This will be your chance to join the committee and play a role in decision making, policy reviewing, business planning and most importantly, fundraising. Some of the events that the committee have organised in the previous year - Christmas funday, Quiz night, Mr Tickles Picnic, Sponsored rhyme time, Graduation party as well as taking part in the Whitchurch Carnival.

Several committee members will be standing down as their children leave so new members are essential. Parental support is vital, without parents joining the committee the Pre-school cannot run!

What will we be doing this term?

Most of this first half term will be spent working the children to establish the new routines and structures for the new year.

We will be helping them increase their independence including at snack times, toileting, taking care of their belongings as well as tidying up after themselves.

Running alongside this, we will be following the children's interests and motivations based on their summer holiday experiences. We have set up on an airport in small world play, a café in the role-play area and a farm as many children are likely to have been to Finkley over the holidays

As the term continues and the weather begins to turn we will be moving our activities to a more autumnal theme. We will be encouraging the children to use the new mud kitchen and outside activities.

We will also be continuing with our key group times at the end of the sessions, where the children will get to work in small groups with their Key person.



- Please ensure that all your child's belongings are clearly named.
- Sun cream should be applied before the start of each session, when needed, and appropriate clothes, such as hats, coats wellie's should be provided. We use the outside area in all weathers!
- At least one spare set of clothes should be provided in case of accidents or incidents.
- Keep an eye on the whiteboard in the kitchen/craft area for any important notices or messages.
- Keep us updated with any medical or dietary needs.



Well Done!

We would like to congratulate Gill Newton for achieving Early Years Professional Status. Gill will temporarily be filling the role of Session Leader from September, along with Nicky Wheeler.

Well done to Claire Kingston for passing her NVQ level 3 course.

Welcome to Denise Street, Denise is our newly appointed full time member of staff.



Diary Dates

Wednesday 4 th Sept -	First day of term
Wednesday 25 th Sept -	AGM meeting 8pm
Wednesday 23 rd Oct -	Parents meetings

Monday 25 th Oct to Friday 1 st Nov -	Half term
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Thursday 19 th Dec -	End of term
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