



NEWSLETTER

June - July 2021

UP-COMING DIARY DATES 2021

Due to Covid restrictions please note there has been some amendments to planned events, see below

19th June 2021 – New Family Open Day, EAST

26th June 2021 – New Family Open Day, WEST

22nd July – Last Day of Term

23rd July – 27th Aug 2021 Summer Holiday Club

Parent's Evenings

Due to the government announcement this week relating to the delay of covid-19 restrictions being lifted across the country, we will be unable to proceed with parents' evenings as planned this half term. Therefore, parents of children leaving Rainbow on 22nd July 2021, to start reception in September, will receive a Leavers Report published on EyLog. Parents of children returning to us in September will receive a printed progress report displaying your child's assessment levels to date, in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage. This will be handed to you via children's book bags.

On receipt of your child's report, if you have any queries relating to the information contained, please do contact us, we will be happy to arrange for a telephone consultation with your child's key worker.



Useful Information

How to Contact Us....

Website: [Home | Rainbow Preschool \(rainbowpre-school-biggleswade.co.uk\)](http://Home | Rainbow Preschool (rainbowpre-school-biggleswade.co.uk))

Tel: 01767 310230

Email: enquiries@rainbow-preschool.co.uk for all general enquiries, to notify of absences, finance queries.

Email: bookings@rainbow-preschool.co.uk for all wrap around and holiday club bookings

Please do NOT use EyLog messaging services to send us information, booking forms or advise us of absences.

Our bank details for payment of fees is as follows:

Barclays Bank Account - Rainbow Pre-School & Extended Services

Account No: 03715140 Sort Code: 20-74-81

PLEASE USE YOUR CHILDS FULL NAME AS THE REFERENCE TO ALLOW US TO ALLOCATE YOUR PAYMENTS CORRECTLY

Graduation Celebrations

The government and Department of Education have confirmed that group leavers events should be avoided in order to minimise the risks of increasing covid-19 cases in the country at this time. Therefore, we regret to confirm that we will be unable to proceed with our usual graduation ceremony and celebrations including visitors. Instead, we have planned a series of fun games and activities to give the last four days of this academic year a real party atmosphere for all children, those who are leaving and those who are graduating to the next room and new key worker.

The children who are leaving Rainbow for full time education will also receive token mementos of their time with us, which we hope you will treasure for years to come!



FEE INCREASES

We believe strongly in not for profit and therefore aim to keep our fees affordable to all. However, as costs rise the committee may need to use their discretion and therefore fees have always been subject to review. We did not increase our fees for September 2020 as we recognised many families were facing financial difficulty due to the Covid 19 pandemic. Our fees have been slightly increased for year commencing September 2021, please see attached.

September 2021 Update

We have been reviewing our current practise and have decided from September 2021 to change our approach with reference to the allocation of key workers. Each academic year children will now 'graduate' to the next room, at the East Site they will progress from Caterpillars Room to Butterflies, and at the West Site children will move from Raindrops Room to Sunbeam Room. This approach will enable us to place with children with educators who have been building knowledge and expertise with specific age ranges. The staff will specialise in supporting the learning and development of 2-3 year olds or 3+ year olds, including specific Lift Off to Language training, school readiness, phonics etc. Staff have been preparing this year and will continue to develop their professional knowledge and skills relevant to the age of the children they will be working with, as new theory and legislation is published. In addition to this, experiencing a new key worker and a new room will help children to be confident to build relationships with new teachers and prepare them for the annual change that will happen when they go to school.

If your child is returning to us in September, they will be 'graduating' to the next room and it is likely they will have a new keyworker, further details of which will follow.

We are pleased to confirm that Rainbow has been taking part in the British Nutrition Foundation Healthy Eating Week 2021.

BNF Healthy Eating Week will take place from 14 to 18 June 2021, taking all of the UK on its 'Find your healthier you' journey!

We have been helping children to think about their lifestyles and consider how they can enhance their health and wellbeing.

The 'Find your healthier you' message from the BNF has been supported by five themes across the week:

- Know the facts – information sharing with the children.
- Make a healthier choice – learning what is good for us and what should be limited to treats!
- Plan for success – exploring a balanced diet
- Be the chef – cooking healthy food
- Keep moving – promoting the importance of being active for health.

We are receiving a high volume of Extended Services booking forms missing important information like DOB, School Year, Class name and Email addresses. Please ensure all details are completed on your booking form before sending in.

We will always send you a confirmation of your booking via email.

What we are learning this half term.....

Each half term our activities and learning at pre-school will focus on one of the 7 areas of learning and development outlined in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) along with a constant focus on Communication and Language across the year. As a values pre-school we will also explore one of our core values each half term, using a book specifically chosen to underpin it's meaning and teach the children.

Our focuses this half term are:

EYFS Areas of Learning and Development for this half term - Literacy and Communication and Language.

Core value this half term – Listen –

Book for this half term – For Butterfly Room at East and Sunbeams Room at West – “What the Ladybird Heard” by Julia Donaldson. For Caterpillars Room at East and Raindrops Room at West – “Oi Frog” by Kes Gray and Jim Field

This book can be purchased on Amazon or you can watch the full story by searching on YouTube.

Home Learning Challenge.....

Research has proven that children are much more likely to achieve their full potential if pre-schools and parents work together in partnership to support learning and development. Therefore, each half term, we will provide you with a 'Home Learning Challenge' as a fun way of involving families in our pre-school focuses.

With each newsletter a small challenge will be set for you to complete at home with your child/children. This is one way for you to contribute to the assessments of your child's learning and helps us plan what is next for them! Please encourage your child to take part and hand your child's book back into their key worker.

The Home Learning Challenge this half term is:

Read a book at home and then draw a picture inspired by something in the book you chose.

Please use EyLog to share your activity with us, you can video short snippets of your child looking at the book, turning the pages, talking about the pictures or describing the events and characters after they have finished. Please add in the notes anything your child said, what they understood about the story, why they chose it and anything they could remember. We would love to see their drawings too, you can send us a photograph or your child can bring it in to show and tell! In your EyLog observation from home, let us know how they held the pencil, the comments they made when they drew or wrote and what their picture is of related to the book. Thank you!

