

# Teddy Link

Charity  
No.1022411



## Term One 2019

We extend a warm welcome to our new parents/carers and to our returning parents/carers! We are all ready for another busy year at Rainbow Teddies! The Teddy Link provides you with termly information about what is happening at pre-school; with a few 'dates for your diary' for the coming months.

## Staffing Up-date

We welcome Sadie Matthews, who is our newly appointed Qualified Assistant. Sadie has a level 3 qualification as a Teaching Assistant and has been working in local schools and nurseries over the last few years.

## Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Rainbow Teddies is a registered charity and as such is governed by a voluntary committee; this is made up, in the main, of parents and carers of children who attend the setting. **It is a legal requirement that we have a committee, i.e. without one, the setting cannot open!** Please come along to the **Welcome Evening and AGM on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 pm- this will be held at Rainbow Teddies.** We have a few committee members 'stepping down' so we really need other individuals to 'step up'. **We are in particular need of a new treasurer, so please give this some thought and let us know if you can help, or if you know of someone else who might be willing to assist us!** If you have any queries about the committee before the AGM please speak to Nanda or a current committee member; Lucy Adams, Charlie Mann, Sarah King, Helen Small and Vicky Bailey, who all regularly drop off and pick up their children from our Rising School group.

## Funded Entitlement (FE) Forms

These are being sent home in book bags this week; for parents whose children are eligible. **Please return these as soon as possible, as I have a deadline to submit all claims. I will also need to see proof of your child's date of birth (birth certificate/passport or similar) so please send these in if you have not already done so.**

## Autumn Trip for RS Group

A trip to Westonbirt Arboretum has been planned for our Rising School group on **Tuesday 22nd October**, letters will be sent home next week.



## Child Information Booklet (CIB)

These are the little booklets that you complete when your child first joins Rainbow Teddies; if there are any changes to address, telephone numbers or 'emergency contacts' etc. please do let us know! **If your child has medical needs, please speak to your Key Person about completing a Health Care Plan.** If your child is returning to us, the CIB and (*if held*) their existing Health Care Plan will need to be reviewed and signed by you as soon as possible!

## Parent/Key Person Meetings

Parents of children in Rising School and Teddy Tot groups will be offered a meeting towards the end of this term. **Please note:** if you have any concerns, your Key Person will be happy to meet up with you at a mutually convenient date/time during *any* term

## Planning

The theme for T.T. and R.S. is **'Settling-in and Routines'**

One way of promoting Language development and communication is through nursery rhymes, therefore, each week we will be focusing on one particular nursery rhyme; this will be printed out and available for you to take home- please just ask Lynne or Laura.



## Clothing/Personal Items

As the weather changes, children will need warm and weather-proof clothing please, as we are outside at every session! We have a plentiful supply of wellington boots, so we don't really need these to be sent in. **Please ensure that all items of clothing/footwear, bags, bottles and lunchboxes are clearly labelled with your child's name. Bags and lunchboxes should be labelled on the outside please!**



## Washing

There will be a washing bag of cloths, aprons, t-towels etc. routinely left outside, by the classrooms. Please share the 'load' and take it home for a wash if you can. This is greatly appreciated as we do not have the facility to do washing at pre-school!

## Parent Helper

We would welcome an extra pair of hands at any time in our Rising School group! This could be you, or another family member who is willing to give up an hour or two. It is a great way to see what and who your child engages with at pre-school and it means that staff can spend more quality time with all of the children- sheets to sign-up will be placed outside of the classrooms each morning. Also, if you have a skill you would be willing to share with the children or, if you would be happy to come in and talk to them about your job, please let us know!

## General Reminders

- Backpacks should be placed on the floor in the cloakroom please; they are too heavy for our coat hooks!
- Please do not park within the school gates or in front of residential driveways.
- Pets are not allowed on school premises!
- Bikes/trikes/scooters should not be used on school grounds and cannot be left at Rainbow Teddies!
- Please ensure that you **shut and bolt** our wooden gate as you come/go and that you **close the small metal gate; at school entrance** as you pass through.
- Please bring your child's book bag in for every session; important information is often sent home this way- these cost £6 to replace, so please look after them!
- **Please send children in with easy to manage clothes; belts and buckles are a bit tricky for small children!**

## Rising School Lunch Time

- As mentioned; lunch boxes should be named on the outside please, as children often have the same or similar lunch boxes!
- **Due to choking hazards please ensure that grapes are cut lengthways and that cherry tomatoes are cut in half.**

- To encourage independence, please help your child by sending in their food items in 'easy to manage' wrapping, such as a piece of foil or kitchen roll. Many of the small storage pots we see are quite difficult for small hands to open! Crisps and other packets can be opened at home and then secured with a peg in the lunch box.
- **Please do not send in any foods containing nuts! This includes Nutella!**

## Session Fees

Rising School - £3.99 per hour

Teddy Tots - £5.25 per hour

## Snack Fees

Rising School- £15 (for autumn term: 14 weeks)

Teddy Tots- £8.50 (for autumn term: 14 weeks)

## A BIG THANK YOU!

To all committee fundraisers, supporters and all those who donated last year, we raised over **£1500!!** This allowed us to purchase various books and toys. We will also be using some of the funds to improve the outside area, over the October half-term.



## easyfundraising.org.uk

We have recently signed up to this, as an easy way to raise money for the pre-school- basically, when you shop online with particular retailers you can raise a free donation for Rainbow Teddies! For more details please visit:

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/rainbow\\_teddies/](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/rainbow_teddies/)

## Uniform

Whilst you are under no obligation to purchase any uniform, we do have 'Rainbow Teddies Pre-school' tops available in turquoise and navy blue. Costs: polo-shirt £9.00 and sweatshirt £9.50. Please speak to Nanda or a Session Leader.

## Primary School Admissions for September 2020

Please log onto: [www.southglos.gov.uk](http://www.southglos.gov.uk) to apply for your child's school place, by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020

**Please see 'Diary Dates'  
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## Diary Dates

<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Welcome evening and AGM 7.30pm @ R.T.
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct</b>	RS group: Westonbirt Arboretum Trip
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>End of term one</b>
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Start of term two</b>
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	RS VIP Event- details to follow
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	RS Christmas Performance- details to follow
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	TT Christmas party
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	RS Christmas party
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>End of term two</b>
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Start of term Three</b>

*With warm regards*

*Nanda Lee*