



## Term 4: March/April 2020

Hello to all of our parents and carers! We hope you will take a few minutes to read this term's newsletter, to find out what is happening at pre-school. Thankfully, we are starting to see some signs that spring is on its way and as usual we have some exciting activities and experiences planned for the children this term!

### Planning

RS children are having a 'Science Bugs' workshop twice per term, until the end of this school year. They will also be learning about different jobs and professions- thank you to the parents who have offered to come in and talk to the children about their work!

TT children will be exploring how to move their bodies in various ways and will be looking at 'shapes'. They are also enjoying weekly visits from Year 5 pupils, who have been coming in to share books and craft activities with them.

Please see our website for more details about planning for both groups.

### Rainbow Teddies Library

RS Library books will usually be changed on a Monday and/or Thursday morning, however if you would like your child to change their book on a different day, please just ask. TT children will change their books each week.

### RS Group- Next Term

When we return after the Easter break, we will be focusing on 'school readiness', which will include supporting children's self-help and independence skills. To this end, we ask that you provide a named, small pull-string bag (**short strings/cords please!**) containing a t-shirt and shorts, as children will be practising getting dressed/undressed for 'PE'. Please encourage your child to come into pre-school each morning independently; by saying 'goodbye' to them at the classroom door.

### Learning Diaries

Please note that these can be taken home to share with family at any time. The diaries can be found in drawers in each classroom. Please sign out/in when you take/return them and as **these are 'working documents' please return them promptly!** You can add your own photos/annotations from home; this can provide a great talking point for your child at pre-school!

### Rising school Lunch Times

Please ensure lunches reflect healthy options, i.e. no sweets! We are a 'nut free' setting, so please do not send in any nut products; including Nutella! **Please be mindful of portion size;** children will often leave food if there is just too much! Please ensure all **lunch boxes and drink containers are labelled, on the outside**. Due to choking hazard please cut grapes length ways and cherry tomatoes in half. If no wrappers are sent home, then your child has eaten all of the contents. Messy items will be disposed of, or recycled at R.T.

### Helper Rota and Washing Rota

Please sign up to help us, either 'in session' or by taking some washing home; we do not have a washing machine, but we do have lots of cloths and towels to wash every week!

### Puzzles and Games (PAG) Library

Please check that all pieces are accounted for, **before** returning your borrowed puzzle/game to pre-school. A member of staff has to check items when they are returned and it makes life a bit easier if we are advised of 'missing pieces' beforehand! **We would also really appreciate a volunteer to help children choose a puzzle/game each week! If you can help, please let us know!**

### Health and hygiene

In order to monitor outbreaks, please notify the setting if your child is affected by any contagious illness, such as chicken pox etc.

### Sickness/diarrhoea - Cold/Flu Viruses

If affected by sickness **and/or** diarrhoea children should be kept away from pre-school for a **full 48 hours** from the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea.



**Guidelines state that hand hygiene greatly reduces the transfer of viruses, so please encourage and support your children to wash their hands thoroughly and frequently.**

### Domestic Notices: Please...

- Return all borrowed clothes to the setting (washed) as soon as possible.
- **Ensure all coats, jumpers and lunch boxes are named.**
- Do not park within the immediate area of the school gates.
- Dismount from all bikes/trikes/scooters on school grounds **and please do not leave them at Rainbow Teddies!**
- Ensure that you shut both gates as you pass through and do not allow children to climb on the wooden gate.

Thank you all for your continued support!

*Best Regards*

*Nanda Lee*

### Diary Dates

Week Commencing 2 <sup>nd</sup> March until Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day (all week). Children dress-up as book or nursery rhyme characters
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	End of term 4
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of term 5
Date to be arranged	Thornbury Castle visit
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	End Term 5
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday V.E. Day