



Welcome Rainbows 'Handy Hints'



Dear Parents,

Let me firstly take this opportunity to welcome all of you and your wonderful children to our school. I am sure some of you will be letting out a large sigh of relief now that they are all in full time while others will be feeling a little emotional (I remember both feelings very well). This time can be very daunting for us, as parents, and more often than not the children are not at all flustered by any of it. Please find below just a few little handy hints and reminders to help with a smooth transition.

- School starts at 8.45am. Please wait on the main playground in the morning until this time. You can then bring your child round to the small gate outside Rainbows. Children are not to play on the trim trail before or after school for safety reasons.
- Please make sure all children with long hair have it tied up.
- **All uniform including coats, wellies and waterproofs should be named.**
- Your child needs to have a coat and book bag (not rucksack) in school every day.
- Children need to have a water bottle in school. They will be sent home every Friday to be cleaned
- Sickness – 48 hour rule – Children MUST not return to school until 48 hrs after the last time they were sick
- PE kits stay in school - we will be commencing formal PE lessons on Friday 1st October.
- Please let us know if your child has any allergies to rabbits or guinea pigs.
- Your child now has a blue home partnership book. They are checked daily. If there is anything you wish to speak to the teacher about please use the book.
- Sound, spelling and/or word sheets will be coming home soon to revise the work the children have done in the week. They are designed to be fun and useful so don't worry about completing them perfectly.
- Your child will shortly receive a school reading book and library book – one to read together and one to read to them respectively. Please take time to read with your child daily and make a note in the yellow reading record. Do not worry if it does not have words. Just enjoy the story together.
- Children are being offered 'healthy cereal' in addition to their fruit/vegetable at snack time. We would be grateful if parents could donate a box of cereal every so often. The options are rice crispies, cornflakes, mini shredded wheat, bran flakes, weetabix or cheerios. Thanks in advance.
- Newsletters and leaflets are put onto the phone app on Monday. Specific letters that require a response will be sent as a paper copy. We will send out details of how to install the app next week.
- Children will start Forest School on Friday 24th September. Please send children into school with long-sleeved tops, jogging bottoms, wellies (should already be in school) and waterproofs.
- Lastly, please can you make sure that you collect your children on time at the end of the day. It can be quite distressing for them at this age if no one is here to collect them but also the teachers often have meetings and training courses to attend after school.

If you have any other queries or concerns, however silly they may seem, please don't hesitate to pop into the office and have a chat with either myself or Mrs Wheeler.

Take Care,

Hayley Keet

Senior Administrative Officer

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