



NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2020 - Spring Term

Welcome back everyone to the Spring term. We hope you all enjoyed your Christmas and New Year festivities. Thank you so much for all our lovely gifts and kind words, they were much appreciated. We would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new children and their families, we hope you will be very happy and have lots of fun at Rainbow Kids Club! Now, down to business with lots to tell you!

TEA TIME

We are very happy to hear that our food offering is proving very popular with the children and some even making requests at home for certain products! Our best comment so far has been "the food at Rainbow Kids Club is legendary!!". We always encourage the children to try different foods, use good manners and they clear up after themselves (fill the dishwasher and wipe tables) We think this is a great way to involve all ages and encourage social skills and manners for all. We hope you agree?! We try very hard to make sure our tea options are healthy and nutritious and encourage good eating habits. We offer a hot option that we try to encourage the children to eat or if they prefer, a sandwich with a choice of fillings. There are always lots of fruit and vegetables included! We would love to hear your thoughts and ideas, so please speak to us if you would like to discuss our menus. Please take a look on Family or on the Rainbow Kids Club notice board to see the full weekly menus.

BREAKFAST

Our breakfast time buffet seems to be going well. We have a variety of options for the children to choose from, with warm and cold options, offered in a breakfast buffet style! So why not send your children to breakfast club for a healthy start to their school day, as we aim to send our chums off to school with full tummies, ready to learn!

ADDITIONAL SERVICE

Did you know that we offer an additional walking bus service which may help parents with children at both pre-school and primary school and for those with children of differing primary ages who may be using RKC and the school clubs? For a fee of £5 per child, we are happy to walk any pre-schoolers down to Cheapside Primary School at 3.15 so you can go straight to 'big school' to collect your other children or to alleviate any parking issues. We can also collect your child from an after school club and bring them to Rainbow Kids Club to join their siblings for collection by you at 4.30. We are also happy to walk any children who are attending RKC 3.15 to 4.30 down to the primary school at 4.15 to meet you if you have to collect children from school clubs. This will be free. These services will need to be booked beforehand using the procedures as stated below, as there is limited space on each walking bus. We hope this helps!

ROYAL ASCOT 16 - 20 JUNE 2020

This year during the Royal Ascot week, we will be closing at 5.30 pm instead of 6.00 pm. We have not taken this decision lightly and always do our best to honour our opening and closing times. Unfortunately, during the last few years, we have found it increasingly difficult to cope with the timings due to late pick-ups of children. We will obviously only charge sessions until 5.30 pm.

TERM DATES

Please be aware that Rainbow Kids Club dates do not always correspond to those of Cheapside Primary School. Our setting receives funding from the government via the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead for 38 weeks a year. We have to use this funding during designated weeks so, unfortunately, we sometimes have different dates e.g. the primary school returned to school on Tuesday 7th January, whilst RKC opened on Monday 6th January. We would like to remind you (as we have been for many months) that we break up for the summer holidays earlier than the school this year because of this funding restriction. We break up on Friday 17th July not the 24th like the school. We did try to finish at the same time i.e. the 17th as Cheapside primary had inset days for the following few days. Unfortunately, they then changed them and it was too late for us to change them with the borough. We apologise for any inconvenience caused, but our hands are tied. We also try to give you plenty of notice so you are not given a nasty last minute surprise!

SUGGESTIONS JAR

You can find our suggestions jar outside the front door each day. Please feel free to add any ideas you may have as we are always keen to hear new ideas and suggestions that can make our club even better!

SNOW ARRANGEMENTS

As the weather has been rather changeable lately, we thought we had better remind you of our snow arrangements. Please rest assured that we do not close RKC if we can help it, but we will only be able to open if it is feasible to do so. The arrangements are as follows:

. We will post a newsfeed on Family as soon as the decision is made.

. We will post the closure on Facebook

. Fees will not be refunded for closure due to adverse weather conditions (as per your contract) as the weather is completely out of our control.

FESTIVALS AND CELEBRATIONS

If there are any family celebrations or festivals that you would like us to engage in at pre-school, please let us know. We have enjoyed exploring Diwali, Eid, All Hallows (Halloween) patron saint days, Christmas and Easter as well as Mother's Day and Father's Day. If there are any other events you would like to share with us, please let us know. Thank you.

ADMIN REMINDERS

Please remember that we require a **written message** on FAMILY as well as a phone call (when less than 48 hours away) to book all sessions. If you do not send a written message it impacts on our invoicing process and you will be fined an admin charge of £5.00.

Please note our late pick up fines for RKC (see your contract).

ELECTIONS - 7th May

May 7th the village hall will be used as a polling station. We plan to be OPEN that day - details on location to follow.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

17th – 21st February Half term

24th Feb. return to RKC

3rd April break up

6th – 17th April Easter holidays

20th April return to RKC

7th May Elections - hall closed - venue tbc

8th May Bank holiday

22nd May Break up

25th May-29th May Whitsun holidays

1st June return to RKC

16th June –20th June Royal Ascot. Please be aware that the traffic can be horrendous during this week, so we would appreciate you making allowances to be on time to pick your children up by 5.30 pm.

17th July End of term

TERM DATES 2019/20

Term 2

Term starts on: Monday 4 November 2019

Term ends on: Friday 20 December 2019

Christmas Holiday: Monday 23 December 2019 to Friday 3 January 2020

Spring Term:

Term 3

Term starts on: Monday 6 January 2020

Term ends on: Friday 14 February 2020

February Holiday: Monday 17 February 2020 to Friday 21 February 2020

Term 4

Term starts on: Monday 24 February 2020

Term ends on: Friday 3 April 2020

Easter Holiday: Monday 6 April 2020 to Friday 17 April 2020

Summer Term:

Term 5

Term starts on: Monday 20 April 2020

Term ends on: Friday 22 May 2020

May Holiday: Monday 25 May - Friday 29 May 2020

Term 6

Term starts on: Monday 1 June 2020

Term ends on: Friday 17 July 2020