



Rockwood Nursery School

May 2016

Newsletter



Welcome to Summer Term and a special welcome to our new families!

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are working with your children to settle into Rockwood and also helping our school leavers to develop their independence in preparation for starting primary school.

You can help by encouraging them to put on their own coats, shoes and wellies, use the toilet at home and wash their own hands. Please ensure all your child's belongings are labelled as we often have problems identifying children's clothes at the end of sessions and this delays us opening up.

We plan lots of amazing group activities for your child. The staff ask that your child is here by 8:45am/12:30pm. In order to not disturb the other children we will now ask you to wait in reception until groups have finished at 9am and 12:45pm if you are late. Thank you for your understanding.

Available Spaces...

Did you know your 2 year old may be eligible for a 15 hour funded place in our Outstanding school?

You can ring 0800 195 0137 to find out about the funding.

Breakfast Club and After School

We run a Breakfast Club every morning 7:30 - 8:30am.

The session costs £4 and includes cereal or toast.

After School runs 3:15—5:30 pm.

The session costs £7 and includes a light tea.

School Places

We know that many of you promote the nursery school to your friends and family and we love hearing that our new families have been put in touch by other families. If you know of any 2-4 year olds that are looking for a nursery school place, please put them in touch. We now provide early education from 7:30 am—5:30pm and many new families do not know this, so pass it on! Alternatively application forms can be printed off via our website:

www.rockwoodnursery.com



Diary Dates - Summer Term

Group Photos - Tiny Pixels

Group photographs of the children will be taken on **Wednesday 8th June**.



Holidays

Half-Term

Close: **Friday 27th May**

Re-open: **Monday 6th June**



Summer Holidays

Close: **Friday 22nd July**

Re-open for children: **Monday 12th September**

The full holiday list can be found on the conservatory notice board

Parents' Meetings

Owl/Squirrel April starters -

23rd - 27th May

School Leavers - 4th - 8th July

If you have any Active Kids Sainsbury's vouchers could you please drop them in the entrance box. Many thanks.



Sainsbury's

Active Kids

Eat well • Move well • Live well

Adventures in Forest School

We are continuing to have lots of fun in our new Forest School. Here are some photos of some of the things we have been doing and some parents who joined us.



So what else have we been up to at Rockwood...



Chicks

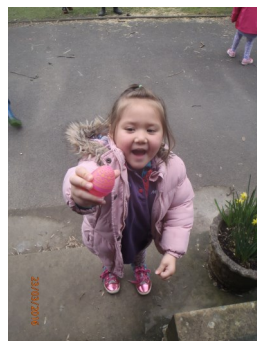
Our eggs hatched into fantastic chicks before the holiday and we all



got to play with them. This is paid for by your weekly donations, so thank you!

Activities

Even though we have had all weathers in one day, we have still had fun outside and in with the mud kitchen, Easter egg hunts...and lots more!



Important Information

A number of parents and grandparents have mentioned that there is an increase in parking difficulties and dangerous driving on the approach to the nursery on Kingsland Road. Please remember:

- ◇ Take care and slow down on approaching the school.
- ◇ Do not block our neighbours' driveways and vehicles, please try to park further away and give your children a chance to walk part way to school.
- ◇ Why not park on Todmorden Road and walk round where there is more space?
- ◇ Please ensure you close and lock all gates and doors when entering and leaving the nursery.
- ◇ Mobile phones must NOT be used on the school site.
- ◇ Once you have collected your child they are your responsibility, please monitor them as you leave and please put back all equipment so that it is ready for the next session.

Bags and sweatshirts

Things are getting very busy in the cloakroom with all the children's bags. The pump bags we sell for £1 are a great size and fit easily and neatly on the children's pegs.

We know your children are as keen to get down and mucky as the staff! If you want to buy a nursery jumper to keep their other clothes clean, they can be bought from the office at £9 and new this year, t-shirts at £3.50

Text Messaging Service

We ask every family to contribute £3 per year to fund our text messaging service. This notifies parents of special events and urgent messages. If you haven't already contributed, this would be appreciated.

Thank you.

Snack Sharing

Please can your child bring in a piece of fruit to each session they attend. Thank you.

Wednesday Snack Contribution - £2 per week.

Transitions to Primary School

This is a very exciting term for our children and families who are moving to primary school in September. All the reception class teachers are invited to Rockwood to speak with your child and their Key Person over this term. It is very important that you attend any sessions provided by the Primary School to support your child to have a happy transition to school. We are happy for children to be collected during sessions in Rockwood in order to attend these welcome sessions. Please make sure your Key Person is aware if you need an early collection in advance.