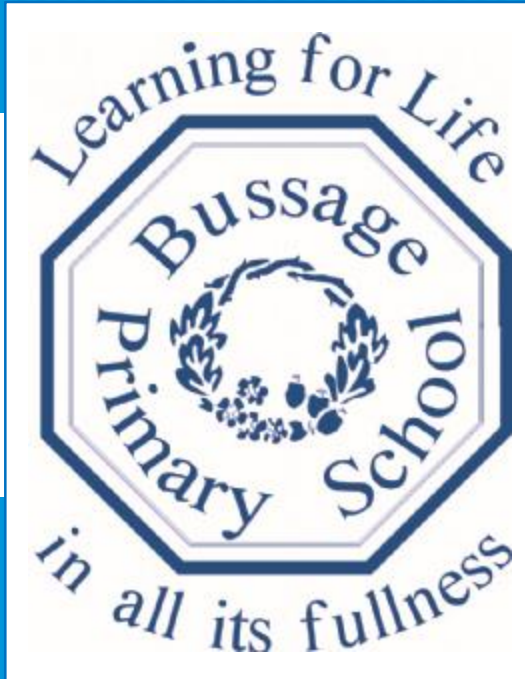


WELCOME TO BUSSAGE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL



New Parents' Meeting
2023

RAINBOWS TASTER SESSION

Your child is invited to join us in either the morning (9.30-11.30am) or the afternoon (1.15-3.15pm) of **Thursday 29th June**.

During the taster session your child will:

- Take part in some familiar activities
- Have the opportunity to play inside and outside
- Listen to a story and sing some songs





TASTER SESSION

THINGS TO REMEMBER



- To put sun cream on your child.
- To bring a named water bottle and hat.
- To bring your child's returned forms back to the office.



Please bring your child into the hall via reception and find your child's name label.

We will collect the children from the hall and take them into the Rainbows classroom.

At the end of the session please collect your child from inside the Rainbows courtyard.



HOME VISIT



A great way for us to meet you and your child in a relaxed and informal way.

We are happy to be led by your child, they might want to show us their bedroom, their favourite toys, play a game or introduce us to their pets!

During the visit we will also:

- Have time to talk about your child
- Hand out an 'All about me' bag that your child can decorate and fill with a few special items to share with us once they start school
- Give you the opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

These visits will be taking place on
Tuesday 5th September and Wednesday 6th September.

They are not compulsory but if you feel your child would benefit from a visit then please sign up at the back of the hall for your preferred day and time.



All the children will start school on Thursday 7th September on a part-time basis.
It really is the best possible start for your child for these reasons:

- The staff will get to know your child individually
- It allows time for your child to feel settled and confident in their new environment
- It's a gradual introduction to the routine of the school day
- The children have the opportunity to make new friends in a smaller group

Details of how your child will be starting is in your information pack.

Please note that for the first week Rainbows morning sessions will be

9.30am until 11.30am and afternoon sessions will start at 1.15pm until 3.15pm

FIRST DAY THINGS TO REMEMBER

- To put sun cream on your child
- To bring a named water bottle, coat and hat.
- To bring a named bag for letters.
- PE kit (shorts and t-shirt in a named bag).
- Named welly boots



Please bring your child to the Rainbows Courtyard.

We will meet you there and at the end of their session please collect your child from the courtyard.



Week 2

All the children will attend school for the morning and stay for lunch from Monday 11th September.

The drop off time will change to the normal school drop off time of 8.50am and pick up will be from the courtyard at 1.15pm

*Breakfast Club will be open to Rainbows from 11th Sep.

Week 3

All the children will be in school fulltime from Monday 18th September.

Drop off between 8.40 and 8.50am and collection at 3.15pm.

*Afterschool club will be open to Rainbows from 18th Sep.

OUTDOOR LEARNING

Outdoor learning is very important to us in Rainbows and we spend as much time as we can learning outdoors.



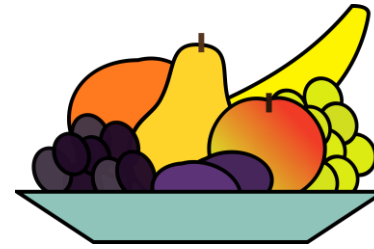
The children have continuous free flow access to the outdoor areas and we have Forest School sessions weekly.

Please remember your child will need a coat and welly boots in school everyday. In the winter they will also need a warm hat and gloves and in the summer a sun



We also have a class pack of waterproof trousers which allows us to be outside come rain or shine!

'SNACK SHACK'



This is a rolling snack time between 9.30-10.20am.

Children can choose to have their snack at any point during that time, if by the end of the session your child has not had their snack, they will be encouraged to come to the table to eat.

Children are able to choose from free fruit which is provided by school, or they can have a piece of toast for a small cost of £3 per term. Children can have both fruit and toast if they wish!



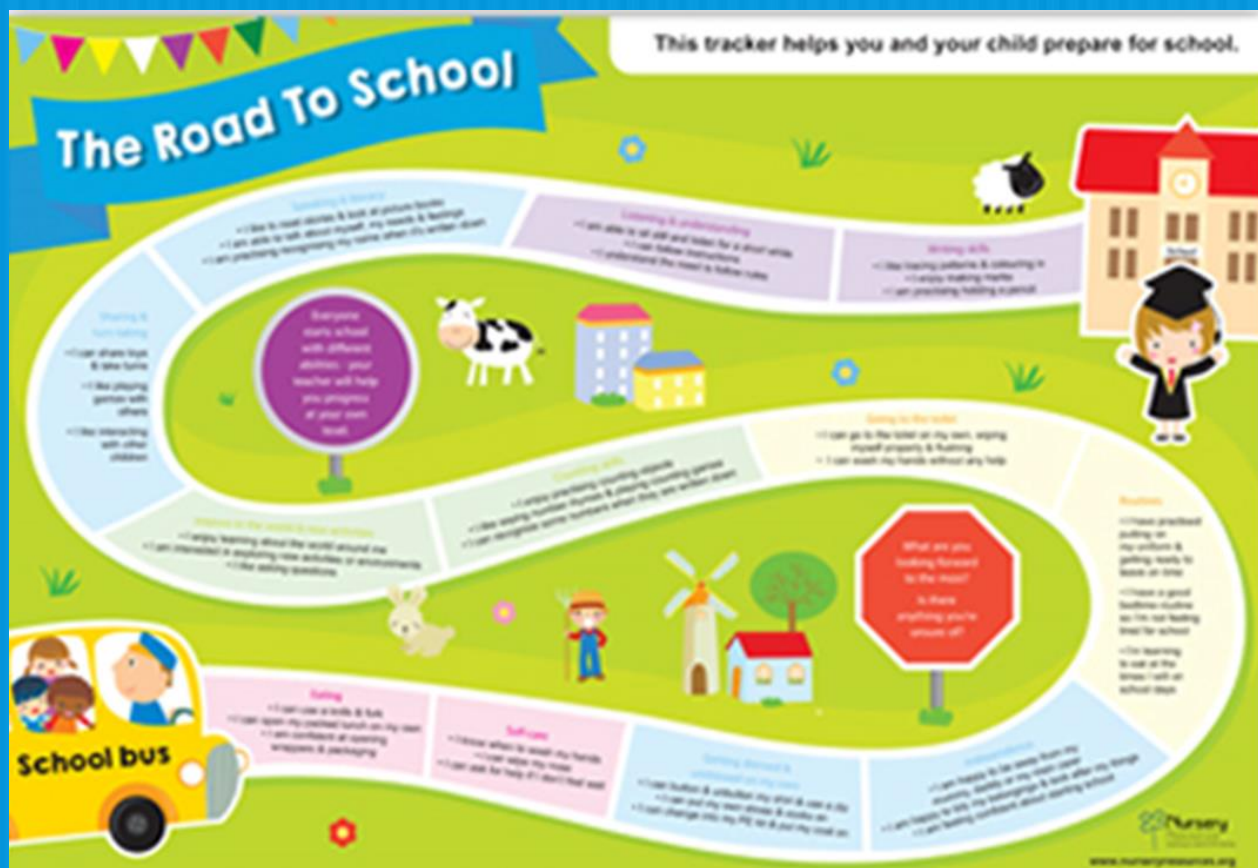


HOW CAN I HELP?

The Rainbows team top tips!



‘The road to School’



Please don't panic if your child isn't doing all of these things or not yet showing an interest in learning their numbers or writing their name etc, every child develops differently so rest assured we will get them to where they need to be!

PLAYING AND EXPLORING

Developing an inquisitive, curious and confident child starts with mini-adventures. We aim to complete as many of these experiences in Rainbows but you could make a start this summer.



50 THINGS TO DO BEFORE YOU'RE 5

Playing with your child is one of the most important things you can do to support their development. The time you spend playing together will help them learn all sorts of things – from counting and writing, to exploring and making new friends.

Our list of 50 things to do before you're 5 will give you lots of ideas to support your child's learning through play - Complete it online or print it off, stick it on the fridge and tick off each activity!

Share and upload photos of you and your little ones achieving each of the 50 things to the TLC Facebook page and once you've completed the list, download your own 50 things to do before you're 5 certificate from the TLC website.

- Run through long grass (barefoot if you can) ☐
- Lie in the long grass and feel the grass between your toes, fingers tickling your nose ☐
- Go on a walk through the woods in all seasons and weathers! ☐
- Not near any woods? Go for a walk around your neighbourhood, find a tree and watch it change through the seasons ☐
- Plant and care for a beautiful smelling flower ☐
- Go on a treasure hunt ☐
- Have a teddy bear's picnic ☐
- Climb a tree ☐
- Play 'pooh sticks' ☐
- Make an insect house ☐
- Learn to ride a bike and go on a long bike ride ☐
- Care for a pet (no matter how small) ☐
- Play hide and seek ☐
- Take part in an Easter egg hunt at home ☐
- Visit the seaside. Explore, and find treasures at the beach ☐
- Paddle in the sea ☐
- Build sandcastles ☐
- Investigate and discover life in rock pools ☐
- Visit the farm or zoo ☐
- Paint and create as much as you can ☐
- Play make believe, and be who you want to be; a spaceman on the moon or a knight in a castle ☐
- Have a picnic outdoors or indoors with all your favourite treats ☐
- Be an explorer and hunt for bugs ☐
- Help make your own dinner ☐
- Look for worms, and see how they wiggle ☐
- Go for a walk on a windy day. Take a scarf or a kite and see how they fly ☐
- Roll down a hill ☐
- Dig for treasure ☐
- Try baking a cake and lick the spoon! ☐
- Make perfume from flower petals ☐
- Go crabbing ☐
- Make a snow angel and have a snowball fight ☐
- Play with water, pour, explore, wash toy cars ☐
- Use all of the furniture downstairs and all the blankets/towels from upstairs to make a huge den/fort that you can crawl around ☐
- Have a sleepover in the den you've made ☐
- Show your grown up how to hit nails into wood, use real tools and be creative with bits and bobs ☐
- Play in autumn leaves and throw them over your head. Listen for the crunch under foot, then pick your favourites and make your very own leaf man character! ☐
- Read a book under a tree ☐
- Go out in the rain and jump in puddles ☐
- Lie on your back outdoors and watch the clouds ☐
- Go blackberry picking and eat as many as you can! ☐
- Make a mud pie ☐
- Blow a dandelion clock ☐
- Balance on a log ☐
- Chase your shadow on a sunny day ☐
- Catch rain or snow on your tongue ☐
- Go on a torch-lit walk in the dark, look for stars and night time animals ☐
- Sleep in a tent ☐
- Toast marshmallows on a camp fire ☐
- Join the library and borrow some books ☐

And to finish...

We hope you have found this meeting useful
and we look forward to welcoming you and
your child to Rainbows very soon.

