**Parent/ Carer Partnership** 

 A massive thank you to all our families who supported our Fun Day Friday events. The children loved showing off their crazy hair, odd socks etc. and it raised valuable funds for the centre. The total amount raised over the four weeks was £150.26

The Parent fundraising group will meet up again 17th March at 09:00. This is a very informal group and new parents are always welcome to attend.

You will remember that prior to your child starting the ECC we had a PEEP (parental engagement) session for you to attend with your child. Lorna and Lynsey are trained at delivering PEEP sessions and we hope to provide a block of sessions starting in April. We will send out a survey to gauge how many parents are interested and able to attend.

**Stay & Play Sessions – 15th – 24th March**

After the popularity of our stay and play sessions in September, we would like to invite parents back into the centre to spend some time with their child. Your child will bring home an invitation with the date assigned for their group. If this date does not suit, please do not hesitate to say and we will try to provide an alternative day.

**Safer Schools App**

The local authority is in the process of changing to a safer parent app. We will keep you updated as to when the changeover will take place. In the meantime, we will continue to post reminders and updates via the current app.

***Registration for early learning and childcare places is open via EAC website for academic year 2023- 24. If your child is returning to Ricarton ECC in August, you DO NOT need to apply. Online applications close Sunday 12th March.***

Recap on February 

Eddie Fraser, chief Executive of EAC came into the centre on 2nd February and presented us with our Communication Friendly Plaque. He was impressed with his visit and in particular how confident and engaged the children were in their learning.

The children in their pre-school year have been enjoying visits to Bridgend garage. This has given them first-hand experience of the world of work.

At the beginning of the month, we had the sad incident of fire raising in the garden, which destroyed our wooden shelter. The support from families and people in the community has been tremendous. We would like to say a special thanks to Jack’s grandpa “cunny” who organised a team to build us a new shelter. Thanks also to everyone who has donated money and to Thomas’ parents for new outdoor play equipment. The children love it all. Thank you

World Book Day 

We will celebrate world book day on Thursday 2nd March with a pyjama day. We will provide a range of stories and books in all areas of the centre. Anne and Scott our literacy champions will post a choice of stories on learning journals for the children to listen to at home. The children will all receive a voucher to put towards buying a book from leading bookstores.

Rhyme of the month : Little Bo Peep

Makaton Sign : Days of the week.

Living Eggs Programme

From the money raised in our recent fundraiser, we have purchased the living egg programme. This is a two-week programme starting on the 13th March. The children will get to see the chicks hatch and then care for them for the duration of their visit. This is a fantastic programme for children to understand life cycles.

 

 Pre- loved Nursery Clothing

If you have any items of clothing with the Riccarton Logo (in good condition) that your child no longer wears, then please donate them to our pre- loved stall. We will sell these for a small amount of money and raise vital funds. Thank you

 Holidays

 The nursery will close for two weeks from Monday 3rd April. The children return on Monday 17th April.

We wish you all a lovely Easter.

 

**Easter Bonnet Parade **

Once again, we will be participating in our popular annual community event. **We ask that all the children make a bonnet at home and bring it in on Thursday 30th March**. Weather permitting, we will go on a short walk around the local neighbourhood and wave to all our neighbours. The children will then participate in an Easter egg hunt when they return to the centre. Parents are welcome to join us on the walk.