



Ladybirds Newsletter  
Term 1 Week 1 w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019

**Our topic..... "All about me"**

A warm welcome back to all of our children and a big hello to all of our new starters. This term our topic will be 'all about me', the children will be taking part in a diverse range of activities around the topic of themselves and what makes them unique. This week the children have all had a chance to paint a portrait of themselves using tin foil and cotton buds, all of the activities will be shown in our fortnightly blog. On our topic wall we will be creating a tree of life, we would be grateful if all children could bring in a baby photo of themselves to help get us started.

**New Starters**

This week we would like to welcome Beaux, Daniel and Elias to Ladybirds, we hope you all settle quickly and soon feel part of the Ladybirds family.

**Primary school Applications for September 2020**

If your child is due to start primary school in September 2020 the application process is now open. You can apply using the online system, which is available through [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk) or by obtaining a paper application through their customer care centre.

**The deadline for applications is: Midnight 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020.**

**Nappy Changing**

Can parents please ensure that there are nappy bags and nappy cream in your child's bag if they are coming to pre-school in nappies. Many Thanks

**Home-made cakes**

If you and your child make any cakes to bring in and share at Pre-school please could we have a list of ingredients so we can check for anybody who has an allergy. We really enjoy children bringing food items which they have made in to share, but need to be vigilant for any allergic reactions. Many Thanks

**'Holding Box'**

If your child brings a toy from home in they will be asked to keep it in our red holding box which is on top of the drawers just inside the Pre-school door. We will take them out at circle time so the children can show and tell them, we have had some toys from home go missing recently and whilst we don't want to discourage them from bringing their own toys in, they are very sad if they get lost. So we felt having the box would be the best solution. Many Thanks

**Wiltshire Air Ambulance – crisp packet collection**

**Just wanted to say a BIG thankyou to all the parents who have been bringing their crisp packets into Ladybirds, our box is getting very full and we'll soon be ready to pass them over to the Wiltshire air Ambulance ready to fill it again!**

Wiltshire air ambulance are raising funds by asking for people's empty crisp packets, for every 2kg that are collected £2 will go to the Air Ambulance service. We have decided to collect them at Ladybirds and would welcome any donations of crisps packets which you would can donate, if you are all happy for us to do so we would also like to take any packets the children have out of the lunch boxes to donate if anybody is not happy for us to do this then please let us know. There is a poster on our notice board of the packets which they will accept and the packets which they won't. If you have a spare minute please take a look. Many Thanks for your support with this. \*\*\*\*\*Update, we have taken our first full box to Tesco's already! Thank you so much for your support\*\*\*\*\*

**Library**

Please feel free to borrow a book from our Ladybirds Library, any of the books which are in our foyer are free for all the children to borrow and read at home. Just fill in your child's name and the name of the book on the borrowing sheet and they can take it home to enjoy with you.

**Easy Fundraising:**

If you have time and shop online please feel free to sign up to our Ladybirds easy fundraising page to help raise money for Ladybirds, simply shop with any of over 3,300 online retailers including Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, and when you make a purchase, the retailer will send us a free donation at no extra cost to you. Just follow our link to sign up and start raising funds for Ladybirds, <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ladybirdssalisbury>

**Wellies**

Can all children please have a spare pair of welly boots that we can keep at Pre-school. If you have any problem supplying a pair, then please let us know what size your child is and we can see if we have a pair which they can use. It does get very wet and muddy outside at times, so boots are essential to keep shoes clean and stop the floor from getting too dirty and wet.

**Snack Donations**

There is a snack donation bowl in our foyer, if you feel that you can donate either some fruit, raisins, breadsticks etc occasionally we will be most grateful.

**Wow moments:**

On the notice board in the foyer there is a 'WOW' moments section if your child does anything at home no matter how small (as it's normally massive to them 😊) we would love to share their achievements with them in Ladybirds at circle time, please feel free to fill in one of our slips and pop it on the board and we will make sure we share it with them.

Please remember that our door is always open and if you have any issues or concerns, we are always happy to speak with you.

Many Thanks  
The Ladybirds team.