



Ladybirds Newsletter
Term 1 Week 5 w/c 1st October 2019

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

This week the children are exploring all about their bodies, we will be drawing around the children on large pieces of paper and discussing all of their different body parts. Seeing what they can name, knees, hands, elbows etc, also seeing if they can discuss what we use these body parts for. The children will also be able to decorate their outlines so we can display them around the Pre-school room. Our 'This Is Me' tree wall display is looking lovely, the children are enjoying looking at the baby pictures and talking about who they might be.

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 or by obtaining a paper application through their customer care centre. **The deadline for applications is: Midnight 15th January 2020.**

Mrs Reynolds

We were very sad to say that Mrs Reynolds will be leaving the Ladybirds team. Her last day will be Friday 4th October. I'm sure you will join us all in wishing her the best in her new Job and agree that she will be sadly missed as she's a valued member of the team. We are in the process of appointing new key workers for Mrs Reynolds children, if your child is currently with Mrs Reynolds we will notify you as quickly as possible so you can talk to your children about the transition.

Thank you

A massive thank you to Charlie's mum, who managed to pick up lots of spare clothes for us at the clothing exchange. We always appreciate any help/donations that parents can give.

Gilbert and Matilda dragon hunt Victoria park

Last Thursday we had a lovely trip to Victoria park to hunt for the Gilbert and Victoria dragon letters. The children also took part in an autumn scavenger hunt. They found lots of leaves, conkers, acorns and lots of other interesting items, which they brought back to Pre-school to investigate these items further. If the weather permits we will try and re-visit the park again this week, to try and find some more letters.

Patterned Socks

We will be exploring pattern and shape this term and are hoping to engage the children with a pattern matching activity, if anyone has any spare patterned socks they no longer need we would be most grateful if they could be donated to us. Many Thanks.

Wyndham Park Infants School Open Visits

Prospective parents are now welcome to attend an open visit to see the school in action. There are dates from September through to January, we have all these dates available on a poster in our foyer. To book a visit you can contact the school on 01722 334594.

You Can Sing! Big Sing-A-Long! Salisbury Cathedral Wednesday 16th October

On Tuesday 17th Sept we have Julie Lindsey visiting Ladybirds to teach the children the Sing-A-Long song Do-Re-Me, the You Can Sing project is an event which we have taken part in for the last couple of years. It is an early years project which is run by Salisbury Cathedral. On Wednesday 16th October in our morning session we will take a small number of children down to the Cathedral where they will take part in the sing-a-long. We are only allocated a small number of seats so the number of children we can take is limited, permission slips will be sent home later this month for this outing. If you have any questions or queries please don't hesitate to ask a member of staff.

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 al 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 form 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.