



Ladybirds Newsletter  
Term 1 Week 5 w/c 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018

**Our topic... 'This is Me!'**

This week we will be introducing our new 'Feeling bags' to the children. These are a good tool to help develop the children's speech and language, it also helps to develop their manipulative skills. The bags consist of a range of different items which have varying textures and shapes, we will then ask the children to describe what they can feel, or how it feels etc. We will link these to our craft table where the children will have the chance to use a wide range of different mediums when creating their pictures.

This week we will be exploring the numbers 1,2,3,4,5.

**New Starters**

We would like to welcome Freya and her family to Ladybirds this week. We hope you settle well and soon feel part of the ladybirds family.

**Snack Donations**

Thank you to everyone who has donated snack items to us so far this term. Could we please ask that any cereal bars or fruit bars do not contain any nuts, this includes being made in factories which produce nut products. Thank you and thank you for your ongoing support.

**Work Experience Students**

We currently have two students who are completing their work experience with us over the coming months, Shannon and Victoria. Both will be working within the pre-school room and have full DBS certificates. Please help us to make them feel welcome whilst they are here, we find that the children are really drawn to the younger students that we have here so they are able to complete their course to the highest standard.

**Autumn Walk Morning Session Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 9.30am-10.30am**

To link with our feely bags we will be taking the children for a walk in Victoria park during the morning session on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October. We will be looking and collecting some of the leaves etc. We will need a couple of parent helpers for this event, if your child attends the Tuesday morning session and you are able to help please let a member of staff know. Many Thanks

**Photographer Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November**

We will be having a photographer visit on the morning of the 7<sup>th</sup> November at 10am, this is the first week back after half term. There will be a sign up sheet on the main door of the pre-school from next week. If it is your child's normal session they will have their photograph taken unless you tell us otherwise. If it is not your child's normal session, then you can choose a time to come in and have your child's photograph taken.

**Listening skills Leaflet (fire and lockdown procedure)**

We have been practicing our different listening skills with the children, so they know which sound is used to stop and listen, also the different signals we use in the event of a fire or if we need to complete a lockdown procedure. All the information that we are using will be sent home to yourselves via a 'Listening Skills' leaflet over the next couple of weeks, so that you and your child both know the procedures which we have in place within the Preschool. Many thanks

**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>

**Primary School Places**

If your child will be starting Primary School in September 2019, please be aware that the deadline for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019. You can apply online at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk) or if you would prefer a paper application they can also be downloaded from the website [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk). Alternatively you can ring customer services at Wiltshire Council on 01225 713010.

**Named Items**

Please make sure all of your child's items which they bring to Pre-school are named, e.g lunchboxes, drinks bottles etc. This just helps to stop any confusion. Many Thanks

**Wellies**

Please could you make sure that your child has a named pair of wellies in the pre-school, this means that they can still go out to play when it's wet. Many Thanks

**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.  
Thank You, From the Ladybirds team

We will start a new policy of the week, starting after the October half term. I will attach this to the newsletter on a weekly basis and if you have time to review it we would appreciate any feedback you may have.