



Ladybirds Newsletter
Term 1 Week 6 w/c 8th October 2018

Our topic... 'This is Me!'

This week the children will be focusing on nature, at the beginning of the week they will have a go at some junk modelling using a range of different materials and some of the children will be going on a nature walk in Victoria park. They will be collecting leaves so all the children can try some leaf painting on our creative table. We will also be continuing to teach the children what all the different signals mean which we may need to use in the Pre-School room, this may be clapping to gain the children's attention or listening for our bell when we have a fire evacuation process etc. Leaflets will be coming home to parents regarding our different signals before half term.

Over the course of this term, Mrs Maria has been working with small groups of children playing a range of different collaborative games to help build their confidence and to develop their PSED (Personal, Social, Emotional Development). These games consist of turn taking, speaking individually i.e saying their names to the group, decision making and a range of other skills. Photos of these sessions will be uploaded to the blog so parents can see what the children have been doing.

Our number of the week is 6.

Birthdays

We would like to wish Pearl a very Happy Birthday this week, we hope you have a lovely day.

Baby Wipes.

If your child is still in nappies or toilet training please could you provide a pack of baby wipes for them so if we need to change them or they have an accident we can clean them properly to prevent any soreness occurring. Many Thanks

Nursery Rhyme Packs

To encourage language development and a love of books we will be sending out our nursery rhyme packs starting this week. Each pack focuses on a different nursery rhyme and consists of a book and a different activity for you to share with your child. We hope you enjoy these activities with your child and look forward to hearing your feedback.

Could I also remind parents that just inside the main door of the Pre-school we have our borrowing library, children are welcome to borrow a book to share with their families at home and then return it when they are finished.

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.

Photographer Wednesday 7th November

The sign up sheet for the photographer is up on the Pre-school door, feel free to pop your name down if you would like your child photographed and it is not their normal session.

Christmas Nativity & Christmas Party.

Although they are a while off yet I thought I would let you know the dates for our nativity and Christmas morning in St Francis church, it will be held on Monday 17th December from 10am-12pm, more information will follow after half term. Also we have set a date for the children's Christmas party which will be held on the afternoon of the 19th December from 12.30 onwards. All children are welcome to both events regardless of whether it's their normal session or not. There will be more info on both events in the coming weeks.

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

Tax Free Childcare

Ladybirds is now signed up to Tax free Childcare. This is a digital service which Gov.uk are providing to help parents pay for childcare. If you qualify for every £8 a parent pays into their childcare service account, they will pay in £2. This can then be used to pay the childcare provider. For more information you can visit Gov.uk.

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 15th January 2019. You can apply online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk or if you would prefer a paper application they can also be downloaded from the website 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.