



Ladybirds Newsletter
Term 1 Week 7 w/c 15th October 2018

Last week of Term, Term 2 starts on the 5th November

Our topic... 'This is Me!'

We've had a wonderful first term settling all of the children back into the routine of Pre-school. The children have enjoyed our topic and have created some amazing art work which can all be seen on our topic board. This week the children will be continuing to create their leaf painting pictures, they have also started a new project with Mrs Reynolds which they will finish next term. They are making clay leaf pots, they will set and dry over the half term ready to be painted when we come back.

Our number of the week is 7.

Birthdays

We would like to wish Mollie a very Happy Birthday for over the half term, 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

Lunch Boxes

Could we kindly ask you to not include any nuts or nut products including peanut butter in your child's lunchboxes, could we also ask that any small fruit or vegetables are cut up e.g grapes, tomatoes etc. Many Thanks

Nursery Rhyme Packs

To encourage language development and a love of books we have been sending out our nursery rhyme packs. 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.

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.

St Thomas's Christmas tree festival

We will be entering another tree this year into the Christmas tree festival at St Thomas's church. The festival is on the week of the 3rd December, we will be visiting the festival with the children on the morning of the 6th December. The children will be starting the crafts for this after the half term, our theme this year is 'Shining Stars'. More details of the visit will be sent out after half term.

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 van 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.