



Ladybirds Newsletter
Term 2 Week 5 w/c 2nd December 2019

Our Topic... "Christmas/ Winter wonderland"

Christmas is getting closer by the day and our theme is still very much all things Christmas and winter wonderland. The children will be making calendars this week and still carrying on with bits and pieces for their Christmas folders.

There is now a post box in the foyer for children to post their Christmas cards into if they wish to send any to their friends.

Each week the children will be learning a 'letter of the week' and this week it is the letter E. If your child would like to bring something in from home beginning with the letter E to show to the other children that would be great!

Word Of The Week

Each week we will have a "word of the week" which the children will be hearing and using a lot at pre-school throughout the week. The words this week are "please and thankyou", please practice using these words at home with your children.

Birthdays

We would like to wish Lydia a very happy birthday this week and hope that she has a fantastic day!

Christmas Tree Festival

Our Christmas tree has been set up at St Thomas's church this morning and it does look very special with all the Angels and handprints. You will be receiving permission slips this week to allow us to take the children down to see their tree in position so please could they be returned ASAP?

Christmas Fundraising And Nativity Morning

Our Christmas nativity and fundraising morning is being held on Monday 16th December at St Francis Church, all family and friends are welcome to attend.

The children have been given their lines today to practice at home so please could you help them to learn them. They are also singing some Christmas songs during the nativity, if you would like to sing these at home with your children please ask and Helen and she will print out the words for you.

Christmas Party

We will be holding a Christmas Party for the children on Wednesday the 18th December. A food list will be put in the foyer shortly for any food you wish to bring in.

Snack Donations

There is a snack donation bowl in our foyer, if you feel that you can donate either some fruit, raisins, breadsticks etc we would be most grateful as we are running very low.

Parenting Course

We have been given the details of a parenting course 'Being a Parent' run by parents for parents. If anyone is interested in attending this course you will find the details on our notice board.

Recommend A Friend

We are currently rolling out our **Recommend A Friend Scheme**. For every friend you recommend to Ladybirds who's child enrolls with us. You will receive a £15 Salisbury Bid gift card to spend in a wide range of shops in Salisbury. Thanks for supporting us!



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.**

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 on our front door. To book a visit you can contact the school on 01722 334594.

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 thank you 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.

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.