



Ladybirds Newsletter  
Term 2 Week 3 – w/c 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016

**Our topic this term... 'Christmas time!'**

We are making great progress with our big wall display and this week we are going to be adding lots of decorations to the Christmas tree. The children are going to be spending time thinking about the 'Christmas Wishes' they would like to put on their Christmas crackers for the St Thomas Christmas tree festival. Thank you to all who have returned reply slips for the trip on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>. If you are able to give a donation of £3 towards the coach, and haven't yet done so, this can be handed in to the office. We appreciate your support towards this expense.

The children will also be spending lots of time this week practising their social skills. There will be lots of opportunities for turn taking games, sharing and making friendships. This will be continued throughout the week, both inside and outside.

**Thank you for your kitchen roll donations – these will now be transformed into amazing Christmas crackers which you will be able to see on our Christmas tree at St Thomas Church in a couple of weeks' time!**

Ladybirds Blog: To see photos and information about what the children have been doing at Ladybirds, please view our Ladybirds Blog – <http://www.ladybirdspreschool.com/blog>

**Photographs:** Orders for the photos will be collected by a courier on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> Nov. Please ensure you have returned your orders before then.

**Children in Need – Get spotty!** Don't forget to sponsor a spot to go on our wall. We are aiming to see how many sponsored spots we can decorate the Pre-school with. To sponsor a spot you need to donate £1 and provide the name you would like to go on the spot. Sponsor more than one spot if you like, or get family and friends to sponsor one too! Sign-up sheet and donation pot are in the foyer.

**Christmas Nativity and Bazaar:** All parts for the nativity have all now been sent home so you should now know what part your child is playing in the Nativity. If you know you won't be here for this, please let staff know. If you have any issues with costumes for your child, do let staff know as they do have some spares.

If you can help in the following ways to make our Christmas Bazaar fun and successful, then please let us know:

- Can you donate any lucky dip prizes?
- Are you able to make cakes or biscuits for our cake stall?
- Do you have any raffle prizes you could donate?
- Can you buy lots of raffle tickets?
- Can you help man a stall on the day, if needed?
- Can you bring lots of your friends and family on the day, to support Ladybirds?

**Dates for your diary! – Don't forget to bring your reply slips back in.**

Please make a note of the following events next term:

Date	Event	Additional Information
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November – morning session	<b>St Thomas Church – Christmas Tree Festival</b>	All children welcome to come with us but parents will need to accompany them if this is not their usual session. We will travel by coach to St Thomas and request a donation of £3 towards the cost of hire. <b>*Please complete and return the reply slip below.</b>
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December – 10am – 12pm	<b>Ladybirds Nativity and Christmas Bazaar</b>	All children and their families are invited to attend this event. We rely on lots of parental support to make this a fun and successful morning. Let us know if you can help in any way; baking, crafting, donating to our raffle, helping on a stall or any other way you can think of. Speak to staff for more details.
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December – morning session	<b>Christmas Party!</b>	We will finish the year off with a party for the children, during the morning session. We are arranging some entertainment, followed by party food and games. All Ladybirds children are invited to attend our party. A food donation list will be available nearer the event. We would appreciate some parent/carers to stay and help on the morning, which is really good fun for the adults as well! <b>*Please complete and return the reply slip below.</b>

Thank you, From the Ladybirds team

**Reply Slip**

**St Thomas Christmas tree festival**  
**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November - during morning session**

I would like my child to attend the Christmas tree festival Yes / No

Name of Child: .....

I would like to come along as a helper Yes / No

Signed: .....

\*Donations of £3 towards the cost of travel would be greatly appreciated.  
Please return your slip by Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November

**Reply Slip**

**Ladybirds Christmas Party**  
**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – during morning session**

I would like my child to attend the Christmas party Yes / No

Name of Child: .....

I am able to stay and help at the party Yes / No

Signed: .....

Please return your slip by Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December