



Ladybirds Newsletter
Term 2 Week 4 – w/c 21st November 2016

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

We have now completed our Christmas crackers to go on our tree at the St Thomas Christmas tree festival. The children have all thought hard about what they think other people would like for Christmas, rather than themselves. A few parents appear to want Barbie dolls for Christmas! This week the children will be designing their own Christmas cards. There are all sorts of textiles, sparkles and stickers for them to get creative with.

On Tuesday morning, we are having a visit from the Girls love Fit team, who have offered to come and do an exercise class with the children. This will be aimed at Pre-school level and should be lots of fun.

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>

Birthdays: Happy birthday to Lena, who was 3 on Sunday. We hope you had a lovely day. We would like to wish Lowen, who is 4 on Friday, a very happy birthday!

Photographs: The photographs were sent off on Wednesday so we should expect them to be ready in approx. 2 weeks.

Children in Need – Get spotty! Thank you to everyone who supported our Spotty wall campaign. We raised £28.40 and have decorated the wall around our big wall display.

Christmas Post box: Our Ladybirds Christmas post box is now located in the foyer. Children are encouraged to try out their mark making skills on their cards to each other as this is great practice for literacy skills (although we appreciate it can also be a test of parent's patience with so much to do at this time of year!). Please only post cards to children or staff at Ladybirds!

Christmas Nativity and Bazaar – Monday 12th December:

There is now a raffle donation basket in the foyer for any donations. Lucky dip prizes would also be gratefully received.

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 th November – morning session	St Thomas Church – Christmas Tree Festival	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. *Please complete and return the reply slip below.
Monday 12 th December – 10am – 12pm	Ladybirds Nativity and Christmas Bazaar	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 th December – morning session	Christmas Party!	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! *Please complete and return the reply slip below.

Thank you, From the Ladybirds team

Reply Slip

St Thomas Christmas tree festival
Wednesday 30th 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 21st November

Reply Slip

Ladybirds Christmas Party
Friday 16th 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 5th December