



Ladybirds Newsletter
Term 3 Week 2 w/c 14th January 2019

Our topic... "Handa's Surprise"

The children have made a start making the hut which will be in our role play area. The walls have been painted by the children ready for construction soon!. This week the children will be making the monkey and basket of fruit to pop on our wall display, and colouring monkey pictures on our mark making table. At circle time we will be exploring different cultures, what the weather is like and if they were different clothes to us. To support our topic we will have a variety of different fruit for the children to taste if they would like.

Birthdays:

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

'Crackerjacks' Dressing up day- Wednesday 30th January

This year we will be supporting a new charity called 'Crackerjacks' Children's trust, they support children and families with disabilities, by supplying vital equipment and respite breaks for disabled children and their families. To help raise funds for this we will be holding a fancy dress day on Wednesday 30th January for all children who attend on that day. They can dress up in any costume they wish, we are just asking for a small donation of £1 which will go to the charity. There is a poster up on the pin board in the foyer if you would like more information. This is not a compulsory event so if your child does not want to dress up then there is no pressure to donate, they can come in their own clothes.

Christmas bazaar Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who came and supported Ladybirds at our Christmas nativity and bazaar, we raised over £250 which is amazing!. We have already started to buy resources with the money raised, we have purchased a new welly rack, a new sand table and various other resources which the children will all benefit from over the coming months. Thank you!

Topic Books

If your child has any books which will link with our topic, please encourage them to bring them into Pre-school as we can read them at circle time. Also if anyone has any materials which may help us to make our jungle hut, (we have all the cardboard to build it), we would be very grateful. We're hoping to put some netting up inside and maybe some large artificial leaves.

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.

Student

We will have another student starting with us this week Chloe Overton. Her first day is Thursday 17th January and she will be coming in Thursday and Fridays until May. Please help us to make her feel as welcome as you have Vicci our current student. Many Thanks

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.

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.

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. Below is our policy of the week, please take 5 minutes to read it, we encourage any feedback you may have. Many Thanks

2.2 Student placements

Policy statement

Our setting recognises that qualifications and training make an important contribution to the quality of the care and education provided by early years settings. As part of our commitment to quality, we offer placements to students undertaking early years qualifications and training. We also offer placements for school pupils on work experience.

We aim to provide for students on placement with us experiences that contribute to the successful completion of their studies and that provide examples of quality practice in early years care and education.

Procedures

- We require students on qualification courses to meet the 'suitable people' requirements of Ofsted and have DBS checks carried out.
- We require students in our setting to have a sufficient understanding and use of English to contribute to the well-being of children in our care.
- We require schools placing students under the age of 17 years with the setting to vouch for their good character.
- We supervise students under the age of 17 years at all times and do not allow them to have unsupervised access to children.
- Students undertaking qualification courses who are placed in our setting on a short term basis are not counted in our staffing ratios.
- Trainee staff employed by the setting and students over the age of 17 may be included in the ratios if they are deemed competent and responsible.
- We take out employers' liability insurance and public liability insurance, which covers both trainees and voluntary helpers.
- We require students to keep to our Confidentiality and Client Access to Records Policy.
- We co-operate with students' tutors in order to help students to fulfil the requirements of their course of study.

- We provide students, at the first session of their placement, with a short induction on how our setting is managed, how our sessions are organised and our policies and procedures.

- We communicate a positive message to students about the value of qualifications and training.
- We make the needs of the children paramount by not admitting students in numbers that hinder the essential work of the setting.
- We ensure that trainees and students placed with us are engaged in bona fide early years training, which provides the necessary background understanding of children's development and activities.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of _____ name of setting

Held on _____ (date)

Date to be reviewed _____ (date)

Signed on behalf of the management committee _____

Name of signatory _____

Role of signatory (e.g. chair/owner) _____