



Ladybirds Newsletter
Term 3 Week 4 w/c 22nd January 2018

Our topic... 'The Gruffalo'

The children are really enjoying our topic this term, a huge thank you to Reuben's mum who kindly brought in all the Gruffalo characters for us to use in story time. The children are making owls this week to put on the wall display, they are using various craft materials to make them including, feathered pieces of material and all different shapes of paper and tissue paper. We will also be making the owls tree-top house to put on the display.

This week all the staff will be encouraging the children to take part in Storycise, this is a resource which we use to help the children experience, develop or consolidate their foundation motor skills. We use a mini story and encourage the children to copy the actions we show them to re-tell the story. All of the stories involve repeated practice of the foundation motor skills essential to developing strength, stamina, coordination and balance.

The letter of the week is 'P', we would really enjoy seeing different items the children may want to bring in for show and tell which relates to this letter.

Canopy Work Commencement:

Our canopy is now finished, we are extremely pleased with how it looks and the difference it will make for the children with regards to being outside is fantastic. We are hoping to put some wind chimes up and other sensory items in the near future.

Job Vacancy:

We are currently advertising for a new Pre-school Assistant. 26hrs per week on a rota basis, all applicants must be NVQ level 3 qualified. If you know of anybody who would be interested then please either pass our phone number or e-mail over. Alternatively you or they can come and pick an application form up from Avril in the office.

Outside Play:

Could we please ask that all children have a **named** pair of wellies in pre-school please.

Whilst the cold whether still remains could you also make sure your child has a named hat and a pair of gloves in pre-school.

Snack time:

We welcome any healthy snack donations you are able to give – eg. fruit, breadsticks, raisins, are all extremely helpful. There is a bowl in our foyer for any donations.

Policy Of The Week:

Please could you spare 5 minutes to review our policy of the week, we would encourage any feedback which you have.
Many Thanks

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.

Policy of the week:

Promoting health and hygiene

6.4 Nappy changing

Policy statement

No child is excluded from participating in our setting who may, for any reason, not yet be toilet trained and who may still be wearing nappies or equivalent. We work with parents towards toilet training, unless there are medical or other developmental reasons why this may not be appropriate at the time.

We provide nappy changing facilities and exercise good hygiene practices in order to accommodate children who are not yet toilet trained.

We see toilet training as a self-care skill that children have the opportunity to learn with the full support and non-judgemental concern of adults.

Procedures

- Changing areas are warm with safe areas to lay children.
- Each child has their own bag to hand with their nappies or pull ups and changing wipes, and we keep a supply of spare items.
- Gloves and aprons are put on before changing starts and the areas are prepared. The changing area is cleaned with anti-bacterial wipes after each change .
- All staff are familiar with the hygiene procedures and carry these out when changing nappies.
- All staff undertake changing of children’s nappy/pull ups and ensure that nappy changing is relaxed and a time to promote independence in young children.
- Children are encouraged to take an interest in using the toilet; they may just want to sit on it and talk to a friend who is also using the toilet.
- Children are encouraged to wash their hands, and have soap and towels to hand. They should be allowed time for some play as they explore the water and the soap.
- Anti-bacterial hand wash liquid or soap should not be used for young children: young skin is quite delicate and anti-bacterial products kill off certain good bacteria that children need to develop their own natural resistance to infection.
- Staff are gentle when changing; they avoid pulling faces and making negative comment about ‘nappy contents’.
- Staff do not make inappropriate comments about children’s genitals when changing their nappies

- Older children access the toilet when they have the need to and are encouraged to be independent.
- Nappies and pull ups are disposed of hygienically. Any soil (faeces) in nappies or pull ups is flushed down the toilet and the nappy or pull up is bagged and put in the bin. Cloth nappies, trainer pants and ordinary pants that have been wet or soiled are bagged for the parent to take home.
- We have a ‘duty of care’ towards children’s personal needs. If children are left in wet or soiled nappies/pull ups in the setting this may constitute neglect and will be a disciplinary matter.

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)	_____	

