



Ladybirds Newsletter  
Term 4 Week 4 w/c 18th March 2019

**Our topic... "Handa's Surprise"**

This week the children will all have a chance to make a picture using different types of materials on our craft table, they will be cutting and sticking and it will be their choice of what they would like to create. We will also be adding Akeyo and the basket of tangerines to our wall display, which the children will all help to make. We will also be discussing with the children where Handa lives, which clothes they think she may wear, what the weather may be like where she lives etc. This gives the children an understanding of the outside world and the differences in other cultures.

**New Starters**

We would like to welcome Tianna and her family to Ladybirds this week, we hope you settle quickly and soon feel part of the Ladybirds family.

**Birthdays**

Happy Birthday to Charlie this week, we hope you have a wonderful day!

**30hr Funding**

Reminder to all parents who access the 30hr funding, please ensure you have validated your entitlement online for April onwards.

**Easter Celebration Morning Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 10am-12pm**

We will be holding our annual Easter fundraising morning on Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> April from 10am onwards in St Francis Church. The morning will start with an Easter Bonnet parade for the children, with a small prize for the winner and a treat for all who take part. (please be aware that Easter bonnets will need to be made at home). Followed by an egg hunt for the children with a prize for everyone and some singing by the children for our parents and guests. There will then be a chance for the children to take part in some Easter crafts and games all costing between 10 and 20P, followed by our raffle at the end of the morning. All parents/grandparents/helpers are more than welcome to attend and spend the morning with their child regardless of whether it's their normal session or not. There will be cake and refreshments and it's a lovely chance to meet all of the other parents. If you feel you can donate a small prize to our raffle we would be very grateful, there is a basket in the foyer for donations and raffle tickets will be sent home this week more can always be brought on the day too. We will also be looking for cake donations closer to the date. All the money raised will be used to buy resources for the children, so hope to see as many of you there as can make it. Many Thanks for your continuing support.

**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**

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.

**Spurgeon's Ready to start school sessions**

Spurgeon's children's charity are holding some Ready to start school workshops in Salisbury and the surrounding areas. There are lots of fun activities for the children to take part in to help your child prepare for starting school. There is a flyer up on our notice board if you would like to book your child a free place all the information is on the flyer. If you have any questions please feel free to ask.

**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.

**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.

Many Thanks  
The Ladybirds team.