



Ladybirds Newsletter
Term 4 Week 5 w/c 25th March 2019

Our topic... "Handa's Surprise"

This week the children will be focusing on making Mother's day and Easter cards. We will be talking with the children about who cares for them and who is special to them. Also how they help us and the things that they do to make them feel special. We are busy practising all of the Easter songs ready for our Easter morning next week, hopefully all of the children are keen to start making their Easter bonnets at home. There are some lovely bits about which are really inexpensive, if anyone is struggling to find bits take a look in Home Bargains, B&M or Poundland they have lots of bonnet making crafts. The children will also be finishing off our wall display by adding some trees which they have made.

New Starters

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

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 3rd April 10am-12pm

We will be holding our annual Easter fundraising morning on Wed 3rd 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.

Raffle Donations

There is a raffle donation basket on the table in the foyer, if anyone is able to donate a small prize then we would be very grateful. Our raffle always generates a lot of well needed funds for the Pre-school so we like to have as many prizes as we can. Alternatively if anyone knows of any businesses who would be willing to donate I have letters in the office to hand out, if you need one please come and see me. Thanks for your 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.