



Ladybirds Newsletter  
Term 4 Week 6 w/c 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019

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

This week the children will be focusing on Easter crafts and looking forward to our Easter morning on Wednesday. They have been practicing their songs and we can't wait to see all of their Easter Bonnets! Our Handa's Surprise wall display is now finished and the children have really enjoyed this topic over the last two terms, they have been engaging in all the different cultures we have learnt about and the different food and ways people live around the world. We will have a new topic starting after the Easter break.

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

We are all excited about our Easter morning tomorrow, we can't wait to see all of their Easter Bonnets! The morning will start at 10am in the church and all are welcome. If it is not your child's normal day but they will be attending they can be dropped off at the Pre-school at 9.45am and they will be walked over to the church with the staff. All children who normally attend a Wednesday morning session to be dropped off at normal time 9.15am. Thank you for everyone who has donated a raffle prize we greatly appreciate it, we will still be accepting donations in the morning also and raffle tickets will be on sale in the church. We will be having a cake sale so we would appreciate any donations for this on the morning thank you in advance. Once the morning is finished any children who don't normally attend on a Wednesday can be taken home from the church and all other children will be brought back to the Pre-school for pick up at 12.15pm. I just wanted to say a massive thank you for all of the support from the committee and parents, without it these fundraising mornings wouldn't be able to take place!.

**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

**Bristol Standards**

I am pleased to say that we have been awarded our Bristol Standards certificate for another year. This is a recognised award for the continuing development and progression of our teaching within the Pre-school. We are all extremely happy that our hard work has been recognised again and we are displaying our certificate on the Pre-school door alongside our Outstanding Ofsted certificate.

**Riverbourne Community Farm Visit 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

Thank you for all of the parents who have returned their slips already, if possible could we please have any outstanding reply slips by the end of this week, just so we can confirm numbers with the coach company. Also could all children bring wellies for the visit as we will change their footwear before visiting the farm and when we return to Pre-school. Many Thanks

**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.

Have a lovely Easter Break, we break up Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April and return Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

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.