



Ladybirds Newsletter
Term 4 Week 4 w/c12th March 2018

Our topic... 'Minibeasts':

To continue our minibeasts topic the children will be painting and decorating Butterflies to fill our wall display, they will be using lots of different craft materials to create them. Some of the children's snails and Ladybirds are already on display and the wall is looking lovely. If your child sees any minibeasts whilst you are out with them we'd love to hear about them, or if your child has a minibeast they'd like to bring in and share at circle time that would be brilliant!

The letter of the week is 'V', if any children have something they would like to share.

Ladybirds Closure:

We wanted to say a massive thank you to all the parents for their understanding yesterday afternoon when we couldn't stay open for the afternoon session. It is extremely rare that this ever happens, but obviously the children's safety is paramount and unfortunately yesterday we didn't have enough staff to stay within ratio. We have had some very positive responses to our job advertisement this week so hopefully we will be recruiting a new member of staff very soon. Whilst we are in the process of doing this, if there are any parents who feel they could volunteer to help in a session if this situation ever arises again then we would be most grateful, a DBS check would need to be done so if this is something you are happy to do then please see Avril in the office. Many Thanks

Easter Fun Morning Wednesday 28th March 10am-12pm:

All children are most welcome to come to the Easter morning, if it's not your child's normal day but you would like them to attend then they can be dropped off at Ladybirds at 9.15am with their Easter Bonnets and staff will take them across to the church, they can then be taken home with you once the morning has finished. The morning will start with the Easter Bonnet parade and a small Easter egg hunt for the children, followed by craft activities and other stalls that the children can take part in. All stalls will be cost between 10 and 20p. We will also be holding a raffle, there is a donation box in the foyer we are most grateful for any donations, raffle tickets will be sent home with your child soon and will also be available to buy on the day. Lastly we will have a cake stall, if any parents would like to donate any cakes for this could we please ask you to bring them in either the day before or on the morning. Many Thanks for all your help!

Sports Relief:

This year to raise money for Sports Relief Ladybirds we will be holding a Go Jettors Go-Go disco, this will be held on the afternoon of Tuesday 20th March as this is our busiest afternoon session. All children who attend on this day are welcome to come dressed in their finest party clothes and staff will be hosting the disco, parents do not need to attend. If this is not a session your child attends there will be other activities we will be doing with the children throughout the week so that all the children feel involved and have taken part in an activity. A suggested donation for the disco is £1 but parents are welcome to give however much they would like, all the money raised will go to sports relief.

Toy and Clothes Donation:

We are currently trying to expand our sensory toys at Ladybirds, if anyone has any toys which have flashing lights or make sounds which they no longer use and are willing to donate, we would be most grateful. We are also running very low of spare pants, socks and boys trousers if you have any spare which you may be giving to charity we would happily take them from you. Many Thanks

Nappy Changing:

If your child currently wears nappies at Ladybirds, could we please request that there is a packet of baby wipes in your child's bag please for when we change them. Many thanks

Job Vacancy:

We are currently advertising for a new Pre-school Assistant. 26hrs per week on a rota basis, all applicants must be 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.

Named Items:

Could you please ensure that all your child's belongings are clearly named when coming into Pre-school, including any bags and backpacks. This will ensure that no confusion is made at home time. Also could all children have a spare pair of named wellies in Pre-school. Many Thanks

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 encourage any feedback you may 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.

8.7 No-smoking

Policy statement

We comply with health and safety regulations and the Welfare Requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage in making our setting a no-smoking environment - both indoors and outdoors.

Procedures

- All staff, parents and volunteers are made aware of our No-smoking Policy.
- We display no-smoking signs.
- The No-smoking Policy is stated in our information for parents.
- We actively encourage no-smoking by having information for parents and staff about where to get help to stop smoking if they are seeking this information.
- Staff who smoke do not do so during working hours, unless on a break and off the premises.
- Staff who smoke during their break make every effort to reduce the effect of the odour and lingering effects of passive smoking for children and colleagues.

Legal framework

- The Smoke-free (Premises and Enforcement) Regulations (2006)
- The Smoke-free (Signs) Regulations (2007)

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)
