



Ladybirds Newsletter  
Term 5 Week 5 w/c 20th May 2019

**Our topic... "Farms, Things that Grow"**

This week the children will be looking at the life cycle of a frog and the life cycle of a Ladybird. There are worksheets which the children can get involved with, these show them how these creatures grow and develop. They will all also have a chance to take part in a minibeast hunt in our outside area, they will be able to use our magnifying glasses and have pictures off all the minibeasts which they can find. Any children which haven't managed to plant their sunflower seed will be doing this as well.

The letter of the week is E

**New Starters**

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

**Makaton**

After the half term we will be introducing Makaton sign language to the children, we will be starting this at circle time and will focus on a sign a week. There will be more information to follow after half term.

**Diary dates Term 6**

Below are a few dates of events we have coming up in the next term, at the moment I will just send the dates out. More information will follow closer to the time of the event.

**Parents Evening Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 3-30pm onwards**

**Week of the 24<sup>th</sup> June – Barnardo's Big Toddle Week**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Fire Station Visit AM**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day AM**

**End Of Term – Teddy Bears Picnic Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 10am – 12pm**

**Fairfax House Visit**

Some of the residents visited us from Fairfax house last week, they enjoyed singing with the children and playing their percussion instruments which they had brought with them. This connection is something which we're hoping to keep, in the future we are planning to take a few of the children down to Fairfax house so they can take part in a painting activity with the residents. There will be more information for this after the half term.

**30hr Funding Renewal**

Please could all parents who claim the 30hr childcare funding make sure that they renew their funding within the timeframe so that funding does not lapse. 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**

**Just wanted to say a BIG thankyou to all the parents who have been bringing their crisp packets into Ladybirds, our box is getting very full and we'll soon be ready to pass them over to the Wiltshire air Ambulance ready to fill it again!**

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.

### **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.

**Have a lovely half term, we return on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.**