



Ladybirds Newsletter
Term 6 Week 1 w/c 3rd June 2019

Welcome Back!

Our topic..... "Dinosaurs"

Our topic for this term is Dinosaurs. This week we will be making a mind map with the children about all things 'Dinosaur'! We will have a prehistoric scene as our wall display which the children will all help to make, this week we will be attaching the sky, land and sea ready for our prehistoric creatures to go on. The plants which the children planted in our garden area have started to grow over half term, please feel free to pop outside and have a look this week when you are in the Pre-school. The children worked very hard to make our area plant ready and they are super proud to see them growing.

Our letter of the week is F, children our welcome to bring items in to share at circle time relating to this letter.

New Starters

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

Birthdays

We would like to wish Jessica a very Happy Birthday this week, we hope you have a wonderful day.

Makaton

This term we will be introducing 'Sign of the week' to the children at circle time. This week's signs are 'Hello' and 'Goodbye'. We will normally only do one sign a week, but as these two signs are the same we have grouped them together. The visual signs are attached to the newsletter and this will continue to happen on a weekly basis. This will give you a chance to discuss with your child at home which signs they have been learning.

Photographs

The photo orders are being collected on Tuesday 18th June, so all proofs and orders will need to be back before this date. Many Thanks

Parents Evening Wednesday 12th June 3.30pm-5.45pm

We are holding our parents evening next Wednesday 12th June. This is a chance for you to have a relaxed chat with your child's key worker regarding their progress and learning. There are sign up sheets on the table in the foyer if you would like to book a slot.

Fire Station Visit New Date – 2nd July 2019

We have been given a revised date for our Fire Station visit as the station has training commitments on the original date. Our new date will be Tuesday 2nd July morning session. Permission slips will be sent out soon, we will be asking for some parent helpers to help walk there and back. All children are welcome on this trip even if it is not their normal session, however if it is not their usual day they will need a parent/grandparent/carer to accompany them, so we can ensure we stay within ratio.

Fairfax House Visit 18th June 10am

A small group of children will be visiting the residents of Fairfax House on the morning of the 18th June. They will be taking part in a painting activity relating to our previous topic 'The Farm'. We will only be taking around 6 six children on this occasion due to the nature of the visit, letters will be sent home with these children over the next week. This connection is something that will be ongoing with Fairfax House and there will be many more opportunities for the children to visit so all children will have a turn. Hopefully at our next event we will be able to increase the number we take.

Sun Cream and Sun Hats

Now we are moving into the summer months, please could you ensure that your child has sun cream applied before they come into Pre-school. If your child is staying all day could we please have a named bottle of cream to keep here so we can reapply in the afternoon. Could all children be sent in with a named sunhat and spare water bottle to keep on our water table. Many Thanks

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 al 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. *****Update, we have taken our first full box to Tesco's already! Thank you so much for your support*****

Library

Please feel free to borrow a book form 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.

