



# Ladybird Forest Pre-School

Staff Updates/Parent's Newsletter – Summer term 2<sup>nd</sup> half 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome to our latest newsletter, in which we will keep you updated with events for the coming half-term, including the AGM on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, which we would really appreciate you attending.

Thank you for reading and we look forward to seeing you after the half-term break.

Kind regards  
Mandy and the team.

## Dates for your Diary

**May Half-Term:** Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May

**Pre-School Re-opens:** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June

**Board recruitment info night:** 8pm Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June via Zoom (more details below)

**AGM:** 8pm Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June via Zoom (more details below)

**Transition to Russell Lower for staff and children:**

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June & Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July - details provided in letters sent out

**Transition to Russell Lower for parents and children:**

Details to follow from the lower school.

**Sports Day/Mini Summer Fete:** Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021 - 2pm, details to follow

**Leavers' Party:** Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021-9.30am - details already provided in letter

**Last day of term:** Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

**Holiday Club:** Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July - 13<sup>th</sup> August

**Pre-School re-opens for Returners:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September

**Pre-School re-opens for New Starters:** details already provided.

## **Staff News:**

**We will be welcoming the following staff to the team:**

- Georgina has a level 3 qualification in Early Years and joins us as our new Deputy Pre-School Manager from 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021.
- Emma S will be joining us in September as the Pre-School 1<sup>st</sup> Year Apprentice, working 4 days.

## **General News:**

**Changes to The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS):**

The EYFS sets the standards that all early years providers must meet to ensure that children learn and develop well and are kept healthy and safe. The Department For Education (DfE) has made some significant changes to the EYFS from 1st September



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2021. Information regarding these changes and what it means for our children will be emailed out before we return in September.

**AGM and Board recruitment info night:**

Please see the message from our Directors below for more information.

**Covid-19 Information:**

Thank you for your continued support in adhering to our Covid measures, particularly as the number of cases in Bedford continues to be so high and our local schools and nurseries have been affected. We remind you to kindly wear your mask at drop off and collection, ask any siblings not to play on the outdoor resources.

Please do read the important update from Central Bedfordshire Council and Public Health England, that accompanies this newsletter. The letter explains that their advice has changed so that any close contacts of someone who has tested positive should now have a PCR test, even if they do not display any Covid-19 symptoms.

**Sun cream:**

As the warmer weather finally arrives, please remember to pop a sunhat into your child's bag and when appropriate, apply all day sunscreen before arriving at the setting. We are not able to apply or top up sunscreen during the day. Thank you for your help with this.

**Lunchboxes:**

Please can we remind you that we have several children with severe nut allergies, and we are a nut and "nut product" free setting. Therefore, no nuts or products that have nuts in them (e.g. pesto, chocolate spread, granola, cereal bars) can be brought into Pre-School school at any time. Please check the packaging of products closely to see if they contain hidden nuts. Also for safety reasons, please ensure that your child's lunchbox is labelled on the outside, and ensure that grapes and cherry tomatoes are cut into quarters.

**Mindfulness and Wellbeing:**

The health and wellbeing of children and staff is a top priority for us, and we will continue to observe and monitor all children daily and continue to provide every child with a mindfulness/wellbeing session. Staff will contact you if they have any concerns about your child's wellbeing.





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**Phonics sessions:**

Helen will be planning for the phonics sessions while Jess is on maternity leave.

**Reading book:**

Please remember to return your child's book after half-term so we can change them and provide some activities to complete at home with your child.

**Message from the Directors:**

Hello!

It was lovely to see some families join our forum this term; thank you to those who were able to make it. We are hoping that more families will be able to join in with future events. We always value hearing your thoughts and opinions on the matters of the Pre-School.

**Board Recruitment Info Night:**

Please join us on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June via Zoom at 8pm to find out more about joining the Board, which you can do even if your child is leaving in the Summer term. We are always in need of parents/carers to help run the Pre-School, so if you have some spare time and would like an input on how the Pre-School runs, or would like to find out more please contact [admin@ladybirdpre-school.org.uk](mailto:admin@ladybirdpre-school.org.uk).

**AGM**

We also wanted to invite you all to attend this year's AGM, via Zoom on 22nd June at 8pm.

You'll be able to find out how the Pre-School has been getting on over the last year, our achievements, our expectations for the new academic year, our plans for the future and much more.

As parents / carers at the Pre-School, you are "members" of the organisation and have a right to vote in elections to decide who runs it. The Board of Directors must be voted in each year at the AGM by our members. Therefore, we ask as many of you to join the call as possible, whether your child is a leaver or returner, so that the election can take place.

We will be sending out the Zoom details, as well as share details of the nominees for the Board and other information in advance of the meeting.

As usual, we thank you for your continued understanding and support, especially through these tricky times.

Take care,  
Rebecca, Simone and Gemma.





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## Administration Manager Update:

### Summer Holiday Club 2021

Thank you to those of you who have requested spaces at the Summer Holiday Club. Invoices of existing bookings will be sent to you by 11<sup>th</sup> June. Please let me know if you have not yet already returned a booking form and would like your child to attend the Summer Holiday Club, although please note that the Summer Party on 5<sup>th</sup> August is now fully booked.

**Summer Term 2<sup>nd</sup> Half-term invoices:** will be emailed to you by 11<sup>th</sup> June.

As always - please feel free to contact me directly on any queries regarding sessions, funding and/or fees and Holiday Club queries at [admin@ladybirdpre-school.org.uk](mailto:admin@ladybirdpre-school.org.uk).

Many thanks

Victoria

## Fundraising

We are looking for volunteer parents to help organise and raise funds for the Pre-School, if you are interested, please email [enquiries@ladybirdpre-school.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@ladybirdpre-school.org.uk) for more information.

## Wanted:

We are looking for the following donations and would be grateful for your help:

- Scrap white paper
- Boys' and girls' joggers/leggings

## June/July/August Birthdays 2021:

**Happy 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday:** Olivia B, Thalia, Rory, Mia, Isla L

**Happy 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday:** Sienna A, Poppy, Evie-Rose, Joseph, Elena, Sylvie, Finn, Olivia L, Maya L, Albie, Evie W

**Staff Birthday:** Kerry

## Information Sharing

If your child does anything exciting over the weekend or on holidays or has achieved a milestone, we would like to know so that we can talk about such an event with them. You can now either post it on Tapestry or ask for a "WOW" moment slip. "WOW" moments will be discussed during circle time and will be added to your child's learning journal.