



Ladybird Forest Pre-School

Newsletter Spring Term 2 2022

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome to our latest newsletter, in which we keep you updated about what's happening at the Pre-School in the coming half-term.

Thanks you for reading and we hope your children have a great half-term.

Kind regards
Mandy and the team.

Dates for your Diary

- **World Book Day:** Thursday 4th March 2022 (Details to follow)
- **Fundraising Easter Fete Prep Night:** Wednesday 9th March 2022-6.30pm - 9pm (Details to follow)
- **Red Nose Day:** Friday 18th March 2022 (Details to follow)
- **Parents Evening:** Wednesday 23rd & 24th March 2022 6.30pm-8.30pm (Details to follow)
- **Last Day of Spring Term:** 1st April 2022
- **Easter Holiday:** Monday 4th April - Monday 18th April 2022 (both days inclusive)
- **Easter Holiday Club:** Monday 4th April-Friday 8th April 2022
- **Ladybird Easter Fete:** Saturday 9th April 2022 Parkside Hall, Amptill 12.30pm-3.30pm (Details to follow)
- **Teacher Training Day:** Tuesday 19th April 2022
- **Pre-School re-opens for Summer Term:** Wednesday 20th April 2022

Staff News:

We welcome Lianna, who joined us on 2nd February 2022 as an Early Years Practitioner and Assistant SENDCO. Lianna has a Degree in Early Years and is a great addition to our team, working Wednesday - Fridays.

Jessica D has decided not to return to the Pre-School once her maternity leave finishes. Jess has worked at the setting for 5 years and we wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

Congratulations to Kerry and her partner Jamie on the birth of their son Elliott Michael born on 21st December 2021 @ 2.14am weighing 8lb 9^o z.



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General News:

We introduced our new Food and Drink and PANCO policy at the start of term, and have noticed a big improvement in how well the children are eating. The children love talking about the contents of their healthy lunch boxes and discussing healthy choices, and we are so impressed with how well they have adapted. Thank you for your support in making this initiative such a success!

As you will know, we aim to renovate the children and staff toilets in Summer 2022 and will rely on fundraising to achieve this. In previous years, we have been lucky to be supported by Fundraising Committees, led by parents and carers. The Committees put on some great events that benefitted the children, whilst raising much needed funds. This year, we have had to lead the fundraising ourselves and were saddened that no parents joined us at our recent Fundraising evening. Please support your child's Pre-School by joining us at the next Fundraising Easter Fete Prep Night on Wednesday 9th March 2022-6.30pm-9pm. (Details to follow). Please get involved, all help is gratefully received!

Phonics sessions:

All children receive a Phonics/Communication & Language session every day. For the rest of the Spring Term, we will look at making sounds and letter sounds. We are introducing a 'Letter of the Week Show and Tell', where we ask your child to bring in an item from home beginning with the Letter of the Week. See the letter order in the table below:

Week Beginning	Letter Sound
21 st Feb	Ss
28 th Feb	Aa
7 th March	Tt
14 th March	Pp
21 st March	Ii
28 th March	Nn

See this Jolly Phonics video for the sounds and actions: [Jolly Phonics Phase 1 Songs - YouTube](#). On Tapestry you will find an observation titled 'Jolly phonics and letter sounds' which shows you different apps that support learning the letter sounds phonetically.

Reading book:

Your child is sent home with two books that can be changed every week on the day indicated on their book folder. Please read with your child weekly and return the books a least once per half term please.



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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.

Admin News:

Thank you for making your payments for the Spring Term 1 invoices. Invoices for Spring Term 2 will be available w/c 21/02/22 and will be due for payment on 14/03/22.

February Half-Term Holiday Club:

There are some spaces still available at the February Holiday Club (14/02/22 - 18/02/22 9am - 4pm) and Valentine's Party (17/02/22) 4.15pm - 5.45pm). Please contact admin@ladybirdpre-school.org.uk to request a space.

Easter Holiday Club 2022:

The Easter Holiday Club is running from Monday 04/04/22 to Friday 08/04/22, with an Easter Party on Thursday 07/04/22. We are open to all children aged 3 years to 7 years. Booking Forms for the both the Easter Holiday Club is on our website [Holiday Club - Ladybird Forest Pre-School \(ladybirdpre-school.org.uk\)](https://www.ladybirdpre-school.org.uk/Holiday-Club-Ladybird-Forest-Pre-School).

Sessions for September 2022

If your child is due to return to Pre-School in September 2022, you'll be contacted w/c 21/02/22 to discuss your preferred sessions for the next academic year.

Fundraising:

We are looking for parents support to help with the fundraising for the Easter Fete. If you can help, please join us Wednesday 9th March 2022-6.30pm-9pm (Details to follow).

Covid-19 Information:

The updated risk assessment can be found on our website and attached [Ladybird Forest Pre-School - Fully independent pre-school \(ladybirdpre-school.org.uk\)](https://www.ladybirdpre-school.org.uk/Ladybird-Forest-Pre-School-Fully-independent-pre-school)

Wanted:

We are looking for donations of scrap paper and would be grateful for your help.

March/April Birthdays 2022:

Happy 3rd Birthday: Xanthe,

Happy 4th Birthday: Pippa, Nikki, Adam, Freddie, Imogen, Arthur J, Lily-Mai, Rosie, Elsie, Eloise,

Staff Birthday: Emma C, Emma G, Jess C, Louise, Victoria, Jade