



Ladybird Forest Pre-School

Staff Updates/Parent's Newsletter – Summer Term 2nd half 2022

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome to our latest newsletter, in which we will keep you updated with events for the Pre-School.

Dates for your Diary

Half Term: Monday 30th May 2022 - Friday 3rd June 2022

Trip to the Fire Station: Wednesday 15th June (Details to follow)

Little Urchins Photograph: Thursday 16th June 2022

AGM: Tuesday 21st June 2022 7pm

Transition to school: (Monday 27th June and Tuesday 28th June. Details to follow)

Sports Day: Wednesday 29th June 2022, 2.15pm on Russell Lower School Playing Field

Leavers Party at Jungle Jims: Thursday 30th June 2022-9.30am-11.30am

Last Day of Term: Thursday 21st July 2022

Summer Holiday Club: Monday 25th July - Friday 12th August (Some places still available)

Pre-School Reopens: Tuesday 6th September 2022

Staff News

We will be saying a sad farewell to Kate, who leaves us on 10th June. Kate has been a wonderful team member over the last 6 months, but has taken on a new role closer to home, at her son's school.

We also say goodbye to Sam, who has been helping us out recently on a temporary basis and will leave us on Friday 1st July 2022 to start a new chapter of her life as she moves away from the area.

We wish Kate and Sam all the best for the future.

We welcome Phoebe who joins the team on Monday 13th June 2022, working Monday - Friday. Phoebe has worked with us previously and has a wealth of childcare experience. If you would like to meet Phoebe, please let us know and we can arrange this.

We are also looking for a new apprentice for September 2022. If you know anyone who may be interested in gaining hands-on, practical experience whilst studying to become a qualified Early Years Practitioner, please ask them to email the setting for more details.

Congratulations to Jade who has completed a 2 year apprenticeship and is now a qualified Level 3 Practitioner.

Congratulations to Marie who has taken on our Lead role, ensuring that days at the Pre-School run as smoothly as possible.



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General News:

Please join us at the Pre-School for this year's AGM on 21st June at 7pm. There will be drinks and nibbles! We need as many of you to attend as possible, so that the meeting can go ahead and we can elect in the Board of Directors for the following year. You'll be able to hear about how the Pre-School has performed and find out about our plans for the future. We will give you details of the nominees in advance of the meeting.

The children really enjoyed the Jubilee Tea Party this week, with a picnic, games, music and rendition of the National Anthem!



Fundraising

Thank you to all of you who supported our Easter Fete at Parkside Community Hall. We had a great turn out from the community and it was lovely to see so many of our Ladybirds there too. We made a fantastic profit of £1,184.82, which will be used to improve resources for the children. Thanks again!

From September 2022, we will be looking for parent and carers to form a Fundraising Committee. Ladybird staff temporarily took responsibility for fundraising during Covid, but we would like you to play a greater role again in this area in future. Fundraising is a great way to support your child, create wonderful experiences for the children, meet other parents and have fun. Special events like the Christmas bazaar and Easter Fete will not be able to take place in future if we can't form a team. Please do contact the office if you wish to put yourself forward.

Mindfulness and Wellbeing:

The health and wellbeing of all children is our top priority, 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.

Phonics sessions:

We run Phonics/Communication & Language sessions every afternoon.

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The children have been doing brilliantly this half term and really enjoy the sessions. Please bring in an item from home each week that begins with the Letter Sound of the week. (See table below for next letters and dates)

Week Beginning	Letter Sound
6 th June	Gg
13 th June	Oo
20 th June	Uu
27 th June	Ll
4 th July	Ff
11 th July	Bb

See this Jolly Phonics video for the sounds and actions: [Jolly Phonics Group 3 \(g o u l f b\) - 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:

Reading books will stop being sent home on Monday 11th July 2022. We politely ask that all Pre-School books are returned between Monday 11th July 2022 and the end of the Summer Term. Thank you.

Wanted:

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

- Scrap white paper

July/August Birthdays 2022:

Happy 4th Birthday: Piper, Mia, Thalia, Violet B, Rory, Arthur M, Olivia B, William, Isla L.

Staff Birthday: Laura, Lianna & 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.