



Ladybird Forest Pre-School

Newsletter - Summer Term 1 2024

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome to our latest newsletter. Please read it to find out what is lined up for the next term, as well as updates from some of the team.

We were so pleased with how many children got involved in the detective shape spotting activity over the February half term. Look out for our Easter holiday challenge on Tapestry, and enjoy!

Kind regards
Amanda Sanders

Dates for your Diary

Event	Date
Easter Holiday Club	Tuesday 2 nd - Friday 5 th April
Stay & Play	Wednesday 24 th April and Friday 26 th April. Details below
May Half Term	Monday 27 th - Friday 31 st May
Dads Breakfast	Saturday 15 th June. Details to follow
Transitions to School	TBC
Stay & Play	Wednesday 26 th June and Friday 28 th June. Details below
Sports Day	Thursday 13 th June 2pm. Details to follow
Summer Fete	Saturday 6 th July 11am - 1.30pm
Leavers' Party	Tuesday 16 th July. Details to follow
Last Day of Term	Friday 19 th July
Summer Holiday Club	Monday 22 nd - Friday 26 th July Monday 29 th July - Friday 2 nd August Monday 5 th August - Friday 9 th August 2024
Pre-School re-opens	Friday 6 th September 2024

Staff News

We welcome Cerys, Jemma and Sophie to the team. Cerys has joined the team as our SEND 1-2-1 support. Jemma and Sophie are taking on Jess's key children, and were pleased to meet the parents at the recent Parents' Evening.

General News

Mandy and Jade have now completed their Mental Health First Aiders training, to help support staff wellbeing.

Fundraising:

We sold 201 raffle tickets for the Easter Hampers. Congratulations to our winners Ariya, Kailen, Tommy and Violet.



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Next Projects: Over the Easter holidays we'll be repairing our leaking shed and making some improvements to the Forest School space, including rebuilding the bird house. As you know, we have been raising funds this year to install some much needed air-con units in our building. The extra holiday clubs held in December and February added an additional £2,263 to the fundraising pot, and the Easter raffle raised a further £306 - thank you for supporting this! If monies raised from our holiday clubs and this year's other fundraising activities allow us to reach our target, we hope to install air-con during the May half-term.

Tesco Blue Tokens and Sensory Resources: Thanks for supporting us in the Tesco Flitwick scheme. We are waiting to hear how much money we will be awarded. Any monies received must be spent on sensory resources. We are hoping to create a sensory room ready for September 2024 for all children to explore and enjoy. We will keep you updated.

Come and share your occupation: Please come and join us and show case your occupation with the children. If you are interested in discussing, please get in touch via enquiries@ladybirdpre-school.org.uk.

Stay and Play: We will be holding 'Stay and Play' sessions on

- Wednesday 24th April
- Friday 26th April,
- Wednesday 26th June
- Friday 28th June 2024.

Between 10am-11am and 2pm-3pm.

If you would like to book a slot, please email the setting and highlight what day and session you'd prefer. Please note that places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Priority will be given to parents that have not had the opportunity to attend a Stay and Play before.

Parent and Carer Survey results:

Thanks for taking the time to complete our Parent and Carer Survey at the recent Parents' Evening. The results from the survey are attached. You also made some very positive comments, and left some really helpful feedback about areas that you would like us to improve. We will consider how we can use this feedback to make improvements.



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Parents' Notice Board: Please take the time to read the Parents' Notice Board and leave any messages for us in the message box, which is changed daily. We are always looking to improve the Pre-School and your ideas could help support your child's environment.

Nappies:

If your child is in nappies/Pull Ups, please ensure there are spare nappies/Pull Ups and wipes in your child's bag. Alternatively, there is a charge of £1 per nappy/Pull Up if you need to use our resources.

Oral health and juice:

Please fill your child's water bottle with water only, unless there is a medical reason and you have a Care Plan in place. As part of our commitment to promote healthy eating and oral health at the setting, Unfortunately, any juice brought in will be disposed of and replaced with water. Children are offered milk and water during both morning and afternoon snacks. Thanks for your support.

Easter/Summer 2024 Holiday Clubs:

Holiday Club is open to children from 3 - 7 years of age. Our regular Ladybird team run activities throughout the day, and there's time for the children to unwind with a snack in front of a movie in the afternoon. There are a few spaces still left on some days at the Easter Holiday Club next week. Please contact admin@ladybirdpre-school.org.uk or ring the setting, if you need to make a late booking.

If you have not yet done so, please book your space at the Summer Holiday Club here: <https://forms.gle/aMLuwPbHchzRBbHd7>

Staff Updates

Mindfulness and Well-being:

The children continue to enjoy our active wellbeing and mindfulness sessions during the day. Next term, we are starting a "Healthy Movers" programme to encourage children's to be active throughout the day. These activities will be on Tapestry for you to try at home too! We are still supporting the children with understanding their emotions and appreciate the encouragement to talk to a grown up if they need to.

Your Well-being: We are passionate about well-being at Ladybird and would like to share contacts and numbers for you to use if you need support.

- Anxiety UK - 03444 775 774 (helpline)



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- Beat - 0808 801 0677 (Eating disorder advice)
- CALM - 0800 58 58 58
- No Panic - 0300 7729844
- www.mind.org.uk for other advice and contacts.

Mandy / Jade, Well-being Lead

PANCo:

The children have been enjoying lots of different activities throughout the year to teach them about healthy choices when it comes to our bodies, including teeth brushing. The children are learning why it is important to brush our teeth twice a day for two minutes and how to do this. Please find below some songs about brushing teeth and getting ready for your children!

- https://youtu.be/4XLQpRI_wOQ?si=h2WCgC82EMSXhBG4
- https://youtu.be/wCio_xVlgQ0?si=OTiIR2k0kEdCbRW9

Jade, PANCo Lead

Phonics sessions:

Thanks to the children for all the lovely Show and Tell items they've been sharing with us each day. The children are now really confident when talking about the items and sharing them with their friends and teachers. They have shown great interest in letters, and have started to mark make on the floor outside with chalks and are also choosing to write letters as free choice activities.

Next term we will be recapping s a t p i n,, and mixing up the activities over the weeks and adding in a few new ones. I have added links to all the Jolly Phonics songs to the Memos on Tapestry, which are scheduled for release every Sunday morning. I would appreciate you supporting your children by watching these videos at home and singing along - the songs are really quite catchy.

In the first week back next term, we'll focus on names, using our name boards to perfect the writing of our names. If you would like to purchase a laminated, wipe clean name board for your child to practice writing their name at home, please order one at admin@ladybirdpre-school.org.uk. Name boards are £3.

Tiffany, Phonics Coordinator

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Forest School:

We've had lots of fun this term and have splashed in some enormous muddy puddles, but it has been pretty wet and chilly! So we're very excited for the weather to warm up next term, and see how Forest School changes as the flowers and plants around us grow. We hope you enjoy exploring your natural surroundings over the Easter holidays.

Fees and funding:

Thank you for paying the fees for Spring Term 2.

The deadline for returning the Summer Term Parent and Carer Agreement form is 15/04/24. Your invoice for Summer Term 1 will be sent out w/c 22/04/24.

If you have any questions, please contact me at admin@ladybirdpre-school.org.uk.

Victoria, Admin Manager

May/June Birthdays 2024:

Happy 4th Birthday: Amelia H, Dolly, Millie, Finley, Hanna, Ida, Jack, Jasmine, Josie, Lacey, Len, Noah, Ralphie

Staff Birthday: Charlotte



Website:

Please look on the pre-school website www.ladybirdforestpre-school.org.uk for more information on what we provide for the children, Thank you!

Facebook:

Please follow the Ladybird Forest Pre-School page on Facebook. You will see photos of the Pre-School activities and recent events. Thank you!