



Ladybird Forest Pre-School

Newsletter - Summer Term 2 2024

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome to our latest newsletter. Please read it to find out what is lined up one of the busiest half-terms of our school year, packed with a Sports Day, Summer Fete and a Leavers' Party for those children going up to big school.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support during our recent low staffing issues. A big thank you to those of you who found alternative childcare to support the setting, as without you the Pre-School would have temporarily closed. Also a massive thank you to all staff who have been working extra shifts to keep the Pre-School open.

Vanilla, Cinnamon, and Ginger now have pyjamas to wear when they visit you (thank you to one of our parents for donating them!). Thank you for making them welcome in your homes.

Kind regards
Amanda Sanders

Dates for your Diary

Event	Date
May Half Term	Monday 27 th May Friday 31 st May
Fundraising Planning Eve	Thursday 6 th June at 6.30pm
Sports Day	Thursday 13 th June at 2pm
Dads' Breakfast	Saturday 15 th June
Transitions to School with Ladybirds	Monday 24 th June & Tuesday 25 th June
Stay & Play	Wednesday 26 th June & Friday 28 th June. Details below
Leavers' Graduation Photos	Details to follow
Summer Fete	Saturday 6 th July 11am - 1.30pm
Leavers' Party	Tuesday 16 th July
Last Day of Term	Friday 19 th July
Summer Holiday Club	Monday 22 nd July - Friday 26 th July Monday 29 th July - Friday 2 nd August Monday 5 th August - Friday 9 th August
Pre-School re-opens	Thursday 5 th September

Staff News

Lianne will be joining our team after the half-term holiday - welcome on board!



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General News

As you know, our fundraising focus this year has been to raise funds to install air-conditioning units in the building. Thank you to all of you who have helped with our fundraising efforts, from donating prizes for our Christmas Bazaar, Easter Raffle and Summer Fete, manning stalls, coming to our fundraising planning evenings, and attending our Holiday Clubs. Your support has meant that we will be installing some air-con units over the May half-term holiday, to make our Portacabin more comfortable for both children and staff during the warmer months. Now all we will need is some sunshine 😊

Next Projects:

Our next fundraising project will be to create a sensory/calm room - a space to help support all children with their emotions and behaviours.

Tesco Blue Tokens:

Thanks for supporting us earlier this year - we will be receiving £500.00 from the scheme, which will go towards creating the sensory/calm room. Brilliant!

Sports Day Thursday, 13th June at 2pm, Russell Lower School:

Join us on the school field to cheer on the children! We will be selling ice creams after the event, so please bring your cash, as we will not have card payment facilities. PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB on Thursday 13th June, and the fees for this will be refunded. We look forward to seeing you there!

Summer Fete, 6th July 11am - 1.30pm:

The fundraising team have secured some great prizes for the raffle, but would appreciate any extra donations for raffle and tombolas and good condition soft toys. Please bring any donations you have to the Pre-School. Raffle tickets for the Summer Fete will be on sale after the half-term holiday. Look out for more information on Tapestry from Tiffany and via the Weekly Bulletins.

Leavers' Event, Animal Edge, 16th July 4pm - 5pm:

We will be celebrating the end of Pre-School with our Leavers at Animal Edge in Millbrook. If you haven't already, please let us know if your Leaver will be attending by completing the form here: <https://forms.gle/5X63ABiNCvLmwp9x5>

Transition to school, 24th and 25th June:

Ladybird will be doing transition visits to Russell Lower on Monday 24th June and Tuesday 25th June 2024. Details have been sent out already.



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Summer 2024 Holiday Club:

We still have a few spaces left, for children from 3 - 7 years of age. Ladybird staff 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. If you have not yet done so, please book your space here: <https://forms.gle/EJ9DJWKvbXS7cVP8A>

Half-term activity "Not a Stick":

Details of the activity are on Tapestry. Please bring in your 'Not a stick' sticks for Show and Tell on the first week back after half term.

AGM 19th June 6.30pm at Russell Lower:

Do come along to play your part in voting in our next Board of Directors. Details of the nominees will be shared at the start of next term.

Forest School:

We hope all the children have enjoyed Forest School this year! We've had lots of fun making muddy puddles, finding creepy crawlies, planting flowers and looking for the resident frogs in the pond! This half term we will be talking about fires and risks, and then will make toast over our own (supervised!) fire. And then it will be time to say goodbye to Forest school!

NB: There will be no Forest School the week commencing 10th June, as we'll be practicing for Sports Day.

Staff Updates

Mindfulness and Wellbeing:

We hope all the children have had lots of fun this year with all our wellbeing activities! The children have enjoyed our Healthy Mover activities before lunchtime; getting us up, moving and active. We hope all the children are going to school with a good understanding of their emotions and why it is important to drink lots of water! Over the next half term, we will be discussing "big school" and getting the children ready for their transition.

Your Wellbeing: We are passionate about wellbeing at Ladybird and would like to share contacts and numbers for you to use if you need support.

- Anxiety UK - 03444 775 774 (helpline)
- 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 Leads



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Oral Health/Health & Selfcare

May 15th - June 15th is National Smile Month. Please find some information below about Oral Health and some toothbrushing songs for the children to listen to here:

- <https://youtu.be/QRu68na4Qw>
- https://youtu.be/wCio_xVlgQ0

Children aged 3 to 6 years:

- Brush at least twice daily for about 2 minutes with fluoride toothpaste - brush last thing at night before bed and at least on 1 other occasion.
- Parents or carers should brush the teeth.
- Use children's fluoride toothpaste containing no less than 1,000ppm of fluoride (check label) unless a dentist advises family toothpaste containing between 1,350ppm and 1,500ppm fluoride.
- Use only a pea-sized amount of toothpaste.
- Spit out after brushing and don't rinse - if you rinse, the fluoride won't work as well.

Jade, PANCo

Phonics sessions:

Phonics this term has been super busy. We have shared lots of lovely items with all of our friends. The children are confidently sounding out the letters, not just of their names, but the names of their friends, and different objects.

Next term the last at Pre-School for many, so let's make it fun and recap the following letters: c k h e r m d. I've mixed up the activities, so you may see some familiar friends return, but to do a different job. I will add a post to Tapestry with some activities and apps that you might be interested in for your little ones over the summer, and a little more preparation for big school.

Tiffany, Phonics Lead

Fees and funding:

Thanks for making your payments for Summer Term 1. Your final invoice for the school year will be sent out w/c 10/06/24 and will be payable by 05/07/23. If you have any questions, please contact me at admin@ladybirdpre-school.org.uk.

If your child is returning to the Pre-School in September, I will send you information about claiming for the Autumn term funding in July.

Victoria, Admin Manager

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Other

Donations:

We are looking for: small tyres for outdoor play, toilet / kitchen roll tubes, and clean, empty food packaging boxes for our farm shop. Thank you!

Water Bottles:

All children's water bottles are regularly filled throughout the day if necessary, and children also have the choice of milk or water during morning and afternoon snack time.

Parents' Notice Board:

Please check out the Parents' Notice Board and leave any messages in the message box, which is changed every week. We are always looking to improve the Pre-School and any ideas will 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.

July/August Birthdays 2024:

Happy 4th Birthday: Amelia D, Brendan, Harley, Isla-Mai, Macy, Oakleigh, Otilie

Staff Birthday: Bronwyn



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!