



# Ladybird Forest Pre-School

## Newsletter Summer Term 2 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our latest newsletter, which shares info and updates regarding the Summer and Autumn Terms, as well as updates from the team.

We say farewell to the children starting school in September 2024 and wish them all a smooth transition. We will miss the children dearly, but hope to see them at our Holiday Clubs in future, or perhaps over the school fence next term!

We hope our Returners have a lovely summer holiday and look forward to hearing all about their adventures when they return to the setting from Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

We are also excited to see our new Ladybirds at their Home Visits in September and welcome them to the setting soon after.

Thank you again for all your support this year and we wish you and your families all the best.

Kind regards

Amanda Sanders, Pre-School Manager

### Dates for your Diary

Event	Date 2024
Last Day of Term	Last Day of Term Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July
Holiday Club	w/c 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup> July and 5 <sup>th</sup> August
Pre-School re-opens	Returners to start Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> September
Fundraising Evening	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 6.30pm. Details to follow
Settling In Reports	w/c 21 <sup>st</sup> October
October Half Term	w/c 28 <sup>th</sup> October
October Holiday Club	w/c 28 <sup>th</sup> October, 9am - 4pm
Ladybird Christmas Fete	Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> November TBC
Calendar Photos	w/c 2 <sup>nd</sup> December. Details to follow
Children's Christmas Concert	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December TBC
Parents/Carers Christmas Shopping Day	Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 8am-4pm. Details to follow



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**Fundraising:** Thank you again to everyone for making our Summer Fun week a success. We all enjoyed the activities, and raised a whopping £807.62. This money, along with Tesco's blue token grant awarded earlier this year, will be used to create a Wellbeing room, (see Projects, below). We wouldn't be able to do this without your generosity, and our fantastic team of fundraising staff and parents. Thank you!

We are looking for parents and carers to form next year's Fundraising team. The team will help put on events for children and their families during the year and bring in much needed funds for the Pre-School, a registered charity. Joining the fundraising team is a great way to make friends, and you'll have fun organising events for the children to enjoy. If you would like to get involved, please look out for details of our next Fundraising evening, in which we'll be planning for the Christmas Fete.

### *Other ways to help:*

- *Easyfundraising:* You can now support Ladybird Pre-School while shopping online! We've partnered with easyfundraising, allowing you to raise free donations with 8000+ retailers. Ready to make a difference? Sign up now: [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/cause/ladybird-forest-pre-school/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/cause/ladybird-forest-pre-school/)
- *Stikins:* Please consider using Stikins Name Labels when labelling your child's school clothes: <https://www.stikins.co.uk>. Quote 36232 to raise commission for the Pre-School.

**Projects:** During May half-term we finally installed 3 air con units in the building, thanks to everyone who helped raise funds for this throughout the year.

During the Summer holidays we will create the Wellbeing room, to help support all children attending the Pre-School. Watch out for photos next term!

**October Holiday Club 2024:** 28/10/24 - 01/11/24 9am - 4pm. More details will follow.

**School Sunflower Competition:** Children were given a sunflower seed and growing pot earlier this term. If you would like us to submit an entry to the Tallest Sunflower category in the Meadfleet School Sunflower Competition, please send us a photograph of your young grower and their sunflower next to a measuring tape, by 9<sup>th</sup> September. Good luck, Growers!

**Awards:** The Pre-School has just received the new 'Healthy Movers Standards Award.' This award demonstrates our commitment to promoting and improving the physical and

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emotional wellbeing of the early years community, by creating a culture of "Healthy Child - Healthy Workforce". Well done to all staff for their hard work and dedication.



### Staff Updates

**Forest School:** Thank you for all the adventures at Forest School this term. We hope you will have lots more outdoor adventures over the summer!

Please note that Forest School does not run during Autumn Term 1, while we settle the children into the new school year. We'll share details of the Forest School planning in the next Newsletter issued at the end of Autumn Term 1.

*Ladybird Team*

**Mindfulness and Wellbeing:** The children have embraced our daily wellbeing sessions this year. Together, we have learnt how to understand our feelings, and how to calm ourselves. We hope that as they get older, the children will continue to use these valuable skills, such as asking a grownup for calm down time, counting to ten and taking deep breaths. Well done everyone! We will continue to practice wellbeing next year, with the use of our new Wellbeing room.

### Support over the holidays:

If you or your child need support over the holidays, there is a range of different ways to get this. Please visit the below links for information.

- Mind: <https://www.mind.org.uk/>
- Central Bedfordshire Support: [https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/222/mental\\_health\\_and\\_wellbeing\\_guidance\\_and\\_support\\_services](https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/222/mental_health_and_wellbeing_guidance_and_support_services)

*Jade, Wellbeing Lead*



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**Phonics sessions:** For our new starters, welcome to Phonics at Ladybirds! Your child will take part in our daily Phonics sessions, which we provide to aid your child's development, as well as give them a head start for when they start Reception class. We use resources made by the organisation 'Essential Letters and Sounds'. For further information, see here: <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-schemes-oxford-levels/essential-letters-and-sounds>. The Phonics Planning Autumn Term 1 document attached details our Phonics activities next half-term. Please look out for the weekly updates posted on Tapestry (the online learning journal) and in our Weekly Bulletins. You can also support your child's learning each week by bringing in a Show and Tell item that relates to the letter of the week. These items must be named and fit in your child's small tray. This term, during Circle Time, we will focus on getting to know each other, learning how to sit and the "Give me 5!" golden reminders, which are our behaviour expectations. We will listen to traditional short stories, and encourage turn taking and sharing, when sharing Show and Tell items. We can't wait to get started!

*Tiffany, Communication and Language Coordinator*

**Fees and funding:** To secure funding for the Autumn Term, if you have not already done so, please follow the instructions in the email sent 9<sup>th</sup> July about claiming funding for the Autumn term. It's really important that you have a valid 30 hour eligibility code by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024, if you want to claim for 30 hours funding for the Autumn Term. You'll then need to keep the code validated, by reconfirming it every 3 months. In order to claim any funding next term, please return your Parent and Carer Agreement to us by 23<sup>rd</sup> July. Please contact [admin@ladybirdpre-school.org.uk](mailto:admin@ladybirdpre-school.org.uk) if you need to discuss.

Your invoice dates for the Autumn Term are below:

Invoice dates			
Term payable	Invoice period	Invoice date, w/c:	Due date
Autumn 1	06/09/24 - 25/10/24	16/09/2024	18/10/2024
Autumn 2	04/11/24 - 20/12/24	11/11/2024	13/12/2024

*Victoria Grimes, Admin Manager*

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## September/October Birthdays 2024:

**Happy 3rd Birthday:** Archie, Ellie, Etta, Hudson B, India, Ivy, Jackson, Jenson, Nellie, Penelope, Teddy.

**Happy 4th Birthday:** Arabella, Belle, Eva, Finn, Ivy W, Lilliana, Ralphie, Robin, Rudy, Willow.

**Staff Birthday:** Emma



**Reading book:** All children will receive reading books during September 2024. Reading with your child is hugely beneficial. We politely ask that you read the books with your child, complete the reading log, and return at least every half-term so that the books can be exchanged and healthy reading habits are formed. Thank you.

**Facebook:** Please follow the Ladybird Forest Pre-School page on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100083347660958> You'll see photos of the Pre-School activities and recent events. Thank you.