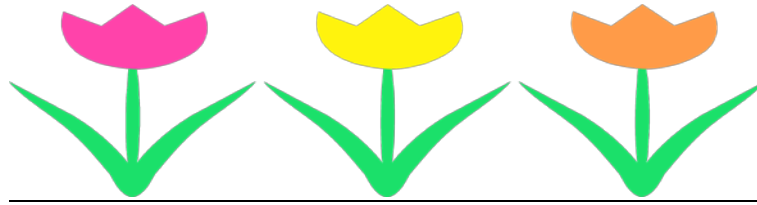


NEWSLETTER SPRING TERM 2017



Dear Parents,

Once again a huge thank you for our wonderful Christmas cards, chocolates, biscuits, wine and Christmas presents. We were all very touched by your very kind and much appreciated gifts.

We welcome Ben, Henry and Matilda to Ladybird this term.

Please note the following important dates in your diaries:

Spring Term.

Half Term	Monday 20th February – Sunday 26th February.
Early years morning	Monday 13 th March 8.45-9.45am .
End of term	Friday 31st March
Craft club	Monday 3 rd , Tuesday 4 th Wednesday 5 th April.
Start of Summer Term.	Monday 24 th April.

APRIL CRAFT CLUB

Monday 3rd, Tuesday 4th Wednesday 5th April.

Open 8.30-3pm daily. £12.50 per day for children already on free entitlement this term.

Children aged 2-3, £ 31 per day. the cost will be added to the summer invoice.

Please let me know if you would like to book a day or all 3 days.

EARLY YEARS MORNING

Parents and or Grandparents/carers are invited for a stay and play hour on Monday 13th March. All children and siblings welcome. This will be an opportunity for Parents/Grandparents to share with the children their early learning journals and have a play with their child at Ladybird.

SEPTEMBER 2017

If you wish to increase or change your child's sessions for September 2017 please fill in the September 2017 section and return it to nursery by **end of February**. We can then ensure you have your chosen sessions, before we offer places to our new children. Forms also available in the reception area.

EXTENDED ACTIVITIES

A list of the term's extended activities is on display on the notice board and being sent via e-mail. Please take a few moments to check the board each day to see if there are any new notices.

PARENTS EVENING

Our next parent's evening will be during the summer term in May. Parents are welcome to make individual appointments with myself, or their child's teacher, if they would like to discuss their child's progress before then.

CHINESE NEW YEAR (project week 3) Year of the Rooster .

We will be making Chinese hats, lanterns and dragon puppets during the week.

On Tuesday 24th January our Tuesday children may come to school dressed in red, the Chinese colour of celebration, or a Chinese costume. We will be using chopsticks and tasting noodles and making chocolate coin gift envelopes.

FLOWER ARRANGING Friday 24th March.

Please can children bring to nursery a few flowers to share and arrange with their friends. This activity has been a great success over the last 17 years and very much enjoyed by the children.

FRUIT

Water bottles and fruit.

Please can children bring to nursery daily, a named water bottle, a piece of fruit, dried fruit or raw vegetables such as carrots or cucumber. In addition the nursery provides biscuits, milk and water at snack time.

We would like to continue to offer all fruits at snack time, including Kiwi fruit. If your child has not tasted kiwi fruit before, it may be a good idea to try it at home first. Apparently more children (generally children with nut allergies) are becoming more sensitive to Kiwi .

Packed lunches.

Part of our Early years and OFSTED requirements are to encourage healthy, balanced and nutritious meals.

Children will need a packed lunch if staying after 12pm. **No peanut butter, nuts, frube squeezey yoghurts,crisps or chocolate or sweets please.** Packed lunches are stored in the classroom and should contain a healthy sandwich or pasta with perhaps some chopped up cheese or vegetables, carrots/cucumber etc or fruit and a small treat. Small containers are also easier than lots of packets to open. Children may have yoghurts in a pot with a spoon.

The first steps nutrition trust <http://www.firststepsnutrition.org/> provides information to support eating well from pre-conception to 5 years from experienced nutritionists. They have an amazing web site with many packed lunch ideas, portion sizes all at a low cost!

Sausages/grapes/tomatoes

Please chop up small sausages, grapes and tomatoes in the children's lunch boxes. Although there is a teacher at each table these items are the biggest choking hazards for children under 5.

Slippers(optional)

Many of our children are now at nursery for 7 hours of the day and we feel that indoor slippers/plimsolls may be more comfortable and keep the carpets cleaner for the children to sit and play on.

If you would like your child to be in slippers/plimsolls they could keep a pair in a bag on their peg and pop them on before coming into Nursery.

We don't encourage the children to be in bare feet or socks for safety reasons, eg. Slipping in the hall, treading on toys etc.

UNIFORM/HAIR

Children should be provided with hats, **mittens** and wellies for the cold weather. Parents are reminded to ensure that all sweatshirts, wellies, etc be clearly labelled with their child's name. Boots will be very muddy this term; every child needs a separate named wellie bag.

We encourage the children to help find their Wellies and then lay their bag out with the shoes on top ready for when the children come back inside. **No throw away plastic bags please as these are not safe for our young children. We have some Wellington boot bags for sale at nursery if you need to purchase one.**

HAIR

Please could we encourage the girls with long hair to wear hair slides and have long hair tied back at nursery. The lovely long locks are ending up painted, dipped in yogurts and sometimes caught up in the toys.

BIRTHDAYS.

Children are welcome to bring a cake to school to celebrate their birthdays with their friends.

TOYS/SHOW AND TELL

The children all seem to love show and tell! Show and tell will be on Wednesdays and Thursdays this term. The children may bring anything relating to our weekly extended activities, or something interesting from home.

Children that attend both days can either bring a different toy on the second day or chose not to show or show the same toy to a different group. (Sorry another thing to remember but the children do love it!!)

We would ask that children only bring in **1 small toy** for our show and tell session. New children needing comforters is of course perfectly acceptable.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.

Our nursery Policy and Procedure folder and Early Years Foundation Stage information are on display by the notice boards. Some of this information is available on our updated website at www.ladybirdbosham.co.uk

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

For our records, please keep us up to date with any new telephone numbers and e-mail addresses. Please sign the collection book and inform a teacher if someone new is coming to collect your child.

FOR CHILDREN GOING TO SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER.

Please could you help your child practice blowing their own noses, wiping their own bottoms and putting shoes on. This will help build their confidence so that they are ready for the transition to school. For some children it may take time, so it's best if we can start working together on these things now.

WEEKLY EVENTS.

Yoga
Show and Tell

Monday afternoons.
Wednesdays and Thursday mornings.

Piano singing with Miss Laura,
Hall play with the ride on scooters and large toys.
mornings and Thursday pm.

Mondays and Thursdays.
Generally, in the wet weather, Monday and Tuesday

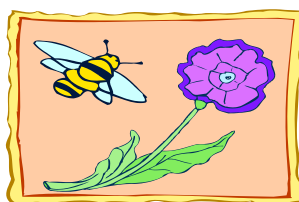
Library

Fridays.

Cooking will be some Monday mornings and other varied days throughout the term.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any problems or queries,

Kind regards,
Charlotte.



Sessions September 2017. Please return this form to Ladybird by end of February 2017.

Name.....

Early starts 8.30.....

Mornings: 9-1 Please tick

Monday.....

Tuesday.....

Wednesday.....

Thursday.....

Friday.....

Afternoons: Please tick **We will be open Friday afternoons in September 2017**

Monday

Tuesday.....

Wednesday.....

Thursday.....

Friday.....