



Ladybird Montessori Nursery

NEWSLETTER AUTUMN TERM 2023

Dear Parents/Grandparents

Welcome to the start of the Autumn term and in particular welcome to all those who are new to Ladybird Montessori. I hope that you have all had an enjoyable summer and are suitably refreshed for our fun and exciting term.

We have already had a fun couple of weeks, we've been getting crafty with paint, messy with flour, learning our new golden classroom rules, enjoyed lots of outdoor fun, read many stories and we're learning new songs. Please see the daily notes on the whiteboard to give you an indication of our day!

We are in the process of making our Ladybird book of favourite songs. If your child has a favourite song to sing, then please let us know and we can include this.

Please note the following information and dates for your diaries to help keep the children safe whilst having fun.

Rugbytots

We all look forward to seeing coach Jon when Rugbytots starts on Monday 18th of September for 10 weeks. This is such a fantastic opportunity to enhance the children's gross motor skills and develop their confidence.

Please could the children taking part in Rugbytots come to nursery on Mondays in their white polo shirts, comfortable tracksuit bottoms or leggings and sensible running shoes so they are dressed ready to play.

Spanish

Our first Spanish workshop commenced on Friday! <http://www.mariposalanguages.com/>

We sang and danced and had lots of fun whilst learning a new language. In just one session the children were learning, hola, gracias, adios and rojo! This really is a source of joy and enrichment for your child.

Author

Christine Skippins, a local author is coming to visit us at 9am on 21st September. She will be sharing her latest book 'A Magical Misty Nook Festival' with the children. Signed copies will be available on the day to buy. Attached to the email is a flyer with more information.

Grandparent's Day

To celebrate our wonderful Grandparents and to show our gratitude to the older generation's contribution to children's wellbeing, we would like to invite you in to chat to the children and to read some stories. Please do come and see me to arrange a time during the week of 25th September.

Harvest Festival

Week of 25th September.

During the week we have lots of exciting harvest activities planned for the children including making bread and vegetable painting. We will be learning songs and rhymes about healthy eating. I will be collecting for the local food bank, if you are able to donate then please can you put anything non-perishable (baked beans, coffee, rice, honey etc.) in the allocated box in the foyer.

Photographer

Once again, the fabulous Ali Gaudion is coming in on the morning of Tuesday 17th October to take photos of your child in their uniform. Please come and see me if this is not your child's usual nursery session or if you'd like any siblings to be included in the photos. These photos make excellent Christmas gifts.

HALF TERM 23rd OCTOBER - 27th OCTOBER

Parent's stay and play

Thursday 9th November 8.45-9.45.

Parents and or Grandparents/carers are invited for a stay and play hour on Thursday 9th

November 8.45-9.45. All children and siblings welcome. This will be an opportunity for the children to share with Parents/Grandparents their early learning journals and for you to have a play with your child at Ladybird, as well as chatting to your child's keyworker.

Children in Need.

Friday 17th November.

Non-uniform day, £1 payable on the day.

Children that attend our Friday session are invited to come to nursery in something yellow or spotty!

Christmas Concert

Monday 11th December 11.30-12.00.

Parents and Grandparents invited. Drinks and mince pies will be served after the concert.

Nursery will close after the concert and drinks at 12.30pm. The children will dress up in something festive, I will send out more information nearer the time. Children that do not normally attend a Monday morning session, please bring them to Nursery dressed in their outfit at 11.15am.

Christmas Party

Thursday 14th December. Non-uniform day.

All children invited. Children who do not normally attend this Thursday session are invited to the party from 11.00-12.30pm. **Nursery will close at 12.30pm for the Christmas holidays.**

Daily events

Singing, stories, creative activities, imaginative play, indoor and outdoor play and games.

Weekly events

Cooking will be on different days throughout the term.

Show and Tell

This will commence again on a **Thursday** Morning.

We would love to encourage your child to discuss their chosen show and tell, this really helps their confidence. Suggestions - Something relevant to our weekly topic, medals/trophies, photos, a favourite story. Please do not bring dolls/cars/ toys with no relevance.

Nature table/awards this term

Children can bring anything collected over the week/ weekend to place on the nature tray during the week or any awards or badges that they have obtained outside of nursery.

Yoga

Yoga and relaxation will be daily after lunch in the afternoon.

Hair

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

Toys

We would ask that children don't bring their favourite toys into nursery as they get easily lost. New children needing comforters is of course perfectly acceptable.

Policies and procedures

Our nursery policies and procedures and early years information is all on our website. A list of the terms extended activities and your **child's Key teacher** is on display on the notice board. Please take a few moments to check the notice board/door to see if there are any new notices.

Uniform/ Shoes

Please could all sweatshirts and shoes (Velcro, **not laces please** as we really encourage the children to put on their own shoes) be **clearly labelled**. Children will often remove their jumper and if it's not named it is impossible for us to know who it belongs to.

Stickers/stamp labels to name clothing, bags, lunch boxes are very common and can be bought on various websites. Thank you to all those parents that do already name their children's items, it is extremely helpful to us teachers!

Packed lunches **water bottles and snack**

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

Please can children bring to nursery, a **named water bottle** (no juice please) a piece of fruit or raw vegetables such as carrots or cucumber.

In addition, milk and a cracker/bread stick are offered to the children at snack time.

No peanut butter, nuts, Frube squeezy 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. Please use small containers for mini cheddars etc. No packets please. Children may have yoghurts in a pot with a spoon.

The first steps nutrition trust [http: www.firststepsnutrition.org/](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 small children.

Birthdays

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

Contact details

Please keep us up to date with all your contact details in case of an emergency. I am sending emails to one parent contact on the registration form, if you would like them sent to the other parent or both parents, please just ask me.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the team if you have any problems or queries and we are always keen to listen to parents' suggestions.

Kind regards,

Beckie Combes
Headteacher

