



NEWSLETTER AUTUMN TERM 2018

Dear Parents,

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.

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

Harvest Festival, Week of 24th of September.

During the week we have lots of exciting harvest activities planned for the children including making bread and vegetable painting.

Parent's Evening. Wednesday 17th October 7-8.30pm.

This is an evening designed to give parents an opportunity to enjoy a drink and meet other parents, find out what the children have been doing and informally chat to the teachers. During the evening Parents will be able to look at the children's Early Learning Journals and next steps.

HALF TERM 22nd OCTOBER -26th OCTOBER

Children in need. Week of 12th November.

During the week we have lots of exciting activities planned for the children to raise money for children in need including making and selling cakes.

Christmas Concert Monday 10th December 11.30-12.00.

Parents and Grandparents invited. Drinks and mince pies will be served after the concert. **School will close after the concert and drinks at 12.30pm.** The children will choose their costumes three weeks before the concert to allow parents plenty of time to make buy or borrow them. Children that do not normally attend a Monday, please bring to Nursery dressed in their outfit at 11.15am. More details will be sent out nearer the time.

Christmas Party Friday 14th December. Non-uniform day.

All children invited. Children who do not normally attend this Friday session are invited to the party from 11-12.30pm. Santa will be visiting! **Nursery will close at 1pm for the Christmas holidays.**

Weekly events:

Cooking will be on different days throughout the term.

Show and Tell will start again in the Spring Term.

Nature table

Children can bring anything collected over the week/ weekend to place on the nature tray during the week.

Library books.

The children can choose a book to bring home on a Thursday. Please can books be returned the following Thursday so children can swap their book for a new one.

Rugby Tots

Starts on Monday the 10th of September for 6 weeks.

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

Yoga

Yoga re starts on Thursday 4th October at 2.15 pm for half an hour. Please could the children taking part in yoga come to nursery on Thursdays in their white polo shirts and comfortable tracksuit bottoms or leggings so they are dressed ready for yoga.

Daily events

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

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 policy and procedure folder and early years information is all on display by the notice boards. A list of the terms extended activities and your **child's Key Person** is on display on the notice board. Please take a few moments to check the notice board each day to see if there are any new notices.

A gentle reminder to all parents that we can not be responsible for the children in the foyer and car park at pick up and drop off times. Please make sure children are safely in the classroom at drop off time.

Please could we ask that Parents do not use mobile phones whilst in the Nursery building to comply with our safeguarding children policy.

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**. Please can all children come to school with wellies, coats, hats and **mittens (not gloves)** when the cold and wet weather arrives.

A separate named bag for wellies is essential (draw string Ladybird Wellington boot bags are on sale at the nursery) we will be taking or wearing wellies across to the reception playground to use in the mud kitchen. Please no throw away plastic bags as they can be a danger to our youngest children.

Crocs and flip flops are not safe for the children in the playground. Please could children wear doodles or shoes so that they can safely climb and run.

The blue/white check summer dress for the girls is optional up until October half term and then again from the summer term. Dresses can be purchased at Marks and Spencer, Tesco , Asda or Sainsbury's.

Packed lunches.

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

Milk/ water and fruit and a biscuit are offered to the children at snack time. Please could you provide your child with a bottle of water (no juice please) and a piece of fruit each morning session. The children help to cut up and share the fruit with their friends at snack time.

Children will need a packed lunch if staying after 11.45pm. **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. 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/> 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!

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.

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.

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.

Parking

Please could we ask parents unless they are dropping off at the primary school or using our early club to not use the car park before 8.45

On Wednesdays and Fridays could we ask that parents vacate the car park by 9.15am. If you know that you will be late or staying at the hall longer please use the parking by the playground area. Hopefully this will avoid any congestion!

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.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any problems or queries and we are always keen to listen to Parents suggestions.

Kind regards,

Charlotte Henderson.

