



Ladybird Montessori Nursery



End of term/Christmas 2022



Dear Parents and Grandparents
Please note the following dates and times.

Christmas cards/gifts

This Friday (04th Nov)

This is the last opportunity for you to return your child's Christmas card/gift order form to us at Ladybird. These lovely Christmas designs make wonderful cards/gifts for family and friends.

Parent's stay and play

Thursday 10th November 8.30-9.30.

Parents/Grandparents are invited for a stay and play hour on Thursday 10th November 8.30-9.30.

All children and siblings welcome. This will be an opportunity for children to share with Parents/Grandparents their early learning journals along with having some fun with their child at Ladybird. This will also be a chance for you to have a chat with your child's keyworker.

Children in need

Friday 18th November.

Children that attend our **Friday** session are invited to come to nursery dressed in something yellow or spotty for a fun morning at Ladybird. We will be collecting donations at the door into our Pudsey money box.

Nursery Photos

Tuesday 8th November

We have the amazing Ali Gaudion coming into nursery to take individual photos of the children. These will make excellent Christmas presents for family and friends. Please check out Ali's website www.hotheadshot.com
Children who do not normally attend a Tuesday may come between 8.30 and 9.30 am on the 8th if you would like them to be photographed.

Scooter the Surf Therapy Dog

Thursday 8th December

You may have seen scooter around the local beaches, he has a blue mohawk and can surf! Scooter has been on TV a few times and he and his owner, Kirstie, have just finished filming with Nickelodeon. Scooter has a children's book coming out called "Scooter the surfing dog finds his forever home." The book tells the true story of how Scooter, a street dog from Portugal, who loves to surf, found his forever home in Bracklesham Bay with his best friend, Kirstie. The story shows children that it's cool to be different and it's ok to feel sad sometimes.

Scooter and Kirstie are visiting us for a book reading on Thursday 8th December at 9am.

If your child doesn't normally attend a Thursday morning and you would like them to attend for this then please come and see me.

Christmas concert

Monday 12th December 11.30 -12.00

Venue: Village hall, main hall and doors will open at 11.15am.

Parents and Grandparent's invited. Drinks and mince pies will be served after the concert. **Nursery will close after the concert and drinks at 12.30pm.** Please can the children dress up in something festive for this event.

If this is your child's normal Monday session, please bring them to school in uniform with their outfit in a bag clearly marked with their name. If your child does not normally attend this Monday session, please can they be brought to nursery at **11.15am in their Christmas costume.**

Please would you be able to provide your child with a Christmas costume.

Some suggestions would be snowmen, reindeer, elves, angels, anything to do with Christmas. There will be lots of lovely Christmas outfits in the big supermarkets if you need help.

We have always allowed parents to take photos and use camcorders at this very special event and would like to continue to do so. If any parent has any concerns with this matter, please speak to Beckie before the end of November. Please do not post any photos, other than of your own child on social media.

Please note; The Christmas concert is always very busy. For safety reasons, children will be released to parents from the stage door immediately after the concert for parents to look after.

Please bring some pennies for our local charity pot.

Christmas party

Thursday 15th December

Children to come dressed in their party/Christmas outfit. No uniform.

Children who do not normally attend this Thursday session are invited to be dropped off at the party at **11.00 and collected at 12.30.** We will be playing games and having a party lunch provided by Ladybird so no packed lunch is needed. Nursery will close for the Christmas holidays at 12.30.

Some wonderful news.... Father Christmas will be visiting us at the party! Please could you provide a **book** to the value of perhaps no more than £6, wrapped with your child's name clearly marked on the present. Please can the presents be secretly handed to a member of staff during the week of the party.

Christmas craft and music

The last few weeks of term we will be starting to learn some Christmas songs and doing lots of fun craft activities which the children will bring home at the end of term.

30-hour eligibility codes

Please remember to obtain your new codes for next term if you are in the grace period and email to me before the end of term.

Starting school September 2023

Online applications are open. Closing date for school applications is 15th January 2023.

Snack and lunches

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

Please could you provide your child with a named water bottle (**no juice please**) and a piece of fruit (banana/satsuma or chopped up fruit in a container.) Milk or water and a breadstick/cracker is offered to the children at snack time. Children will need a packed lunch if staying for a morning session.

No peanut butter, nuts, frube squeeze yoghurts, crisps, 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 much easier for the children to open. Please could small cheddar biscuits etc be put in a small pot. No packets please, this encourages the child's independent skills and helps them with their school readiness. Children may have yoghurts in a pot with their own spoon.

Spring Term

Starts on Wednesday 4th January.

We are very much looking forward to all the Christmas fun with the children.

Best wishes

Beckie

