



Ladybird Montessori Nursery



End of term/Christmas 2023



Dear Parents and Grandparents

Please note the following dates and times.

Children in need

Friday 17th 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

Please remember to order these fantastic photos as soon as possible, they will then be delivered free of charge to nursery in time for you to give to friends/family as gifts for Christmas.

Christmas concert

Monday 11th 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 for a staff meeting.** 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. We do have a few outfits at nursery if you would like some help with this.

We have always allowed parents to take photos and videos 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 14th 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 2024

Online applications are open. Closing date for school applications is 15th January 2024.

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 which will be shared at snack time. Milk or water and a breadstick/cracker is also offered to the children at snack time. Children will need a packed lunch if staying for a morning session.

No peanut butter, nuts, frube squeezey 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 Tuesday 2nd January.

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



Best wishes

Beckie