

NEWSLETTER SPRING TERM 2019



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all. A huge thank you for our wonderful Christmas cards, chocolates, biscuits, and Christmas presents. We were all very touched by your very kind and much appreciated gifts.

We welcome Lucinda, Lyra and Skye to Ladybird this term.

Please note the following important dates in your diaries:

SPRING TERM

Half Term	Monday 11 th -15 th February.
World book day	Thursday 7 th March
Early years afternoon	Wednesday 13 th March.
End of term	Friday 5 th April.

SUMMER DATES

Start of Summer Term.	Tuesday 23 rd April.
Thursday 2 nd May	Fishers Farm Park Trip. Nursery closed for the elections.
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Wednesday 22 nd May	Parent's open evening 7-8.30pm.
Friday 28 th June	Sports Day. 11.00 am (nursery closes at mid-day)
Monday 1 st July.	Reserve Sports Day in case of bad weather, nursery open pm.
Monday 8 th July	Trip to Staunton Country Park (pre-school leavers only)

EARLY YEARS AFTERNOON Wednesday 13th March.

Parents and or Grandparents/carers are invited for a stay and play hour on Wednesday 13th March 2.15-3.15 pm. 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 2019

If you wish to increase or change your child's sessions for September 2019 please fill in the September 2019 section and return it to nursery by **end of term**. We can then ensure you have your chosen sessions, before we offer places to our new children.

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.

INFECTION AND ILLNESS

Please do keep children at home if they are unwell and requiring Calpol so we can prevent the spread of infections.

CHINESE NEW YEAR (project week 6) Year of the pig.

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

On 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.

WORLD BOOK DAY Thursday 7th March.

Thursday children come to nursery dressed as your favourite character along with your favourite book. We will be reading stories and drawing pictures throughout the day. **No super heroes please eg. Ninjas, batman, superman etc please as the play becomes too rough and excitable for 7 hours of the day.**

FLOWER ARRANGING Friday 29th 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 19 years and very much enjoyed by the children.

PARENTS EVENING Wednesday 22^d May

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.

PARENT AND CHILD TRIP TO FISHERS FARM PARK. Thursday 2nd May

Website: www.fishersfarmpark.co.uk

Nursery will be closed, as the village hall is being used for the Elections.

Non-uniform day. All children will need to be accompanied by a parent/friend/Grandparent. Perhaps some parents may be able to join up and take other children.

This trip has been a huge success over the last 16 years and we hope it will give parents and children a great day out for 2019.

Special group rates £ 10.50 adults and children 2 and over.

Children under 2 free.

Please make payment by cash in a clearly labelled envelope by the end of term or it can be added to next term's invoice. Please let me know if you would like it added to your invoice.

STAUNTON TRIPS

We will be taking the children who are moving on to school in September for an exciting morning with the teachers to Staunton Country Park. Children will need to be in school uniform and meet at Staunton at 10 am, collect from Staunton at 1 pm. **If you do not wish your child to go on the trip, school will be open as normal.** The cost of the trip is £8 which includes animal feed, drinks and sandwiches and an ice-cream! Children are welcome to return to Nursery for the afternoon. The charge for this trip will be automatically added to next terms invoice so please let me know if your child **will not** be attending.

FRUIT

Water bottles and fruit.

Please can children bring to nursery daily, a **named** water bottle, a piece of 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 11.45am. **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. 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/](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 and 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 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, 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. 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.**

HAIR

Please could we encourage the children 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 Wednesday's this term starting next week. The children may bring anything relating to our weekly extended activities.

We would ask that children only bring in **1 small item** 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 and term dates 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 2019. Applications close on the 15th January.

For some children it may take time to become more independent ready for school, so it's best if we can start working together on these things now.

We would encourage pre-school children to be dropped at the classroom door so they can practice putting their lunches and water bottles away and choosing an activity.

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.

WEEKLY EVENTS.

Rugby tots	Monday mornings
Yoga	Thursday afternoons.
Show and Tell	Wednesday mornings.
Library	Friday mornings

Cooking and music and movement will be varied days throughout the term.

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

Kind regards,

Charlotte.

Sessions September 2019. Please return this form to Ladybird by end of term.

Name.....

Early starts 8.30.....

Mornings: 8.45-11.45 Please tick

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Thursday.....

Friday.....

Afternoons: 12.30-3.30 Please tick

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