



Ladybirds Playgroup and Toddlers

April Update

Newsletter 3/10

WELCOME:

To Ivy, Ludo and Iona who have all started with us since the last letter, we wish them lots of happy weeks at Ladybirds and hope they make some very good friends and thrive during their time with us.

NEW! We have successfully introduced our circle time; the children are getting very good at talking and listening at this time. May I remind you that any parent is very welcome to stay, just let one of the staff know if you would like to join in when you arrive. We are also introducing some golden rules which you may like to support at home as well. We remind each other to try and have good listening ears, use kind words, have helpful hands and safe feet and try to be a good friend.

We would also like to introduce "baskets of the week". See the table below. We would be delighted if you would like to support this with your child and would really welcome anything from home to place in our baskets for the week.

Week	Colour of the Week	Number of the Week	Sound of the Week	Shape of the Week
27 - 29 th April	Red	1	s	circle
4 - 6 th May	Blue	2	a	square
11 - 13 th May	Yellow	3	t	triangle
18- 20 th May	Green	4	i	rectangle
25 - 27 th May	Pink	5	n	cylinder

Those of you who we will be welcoming back in September need to know that the government is initiating a new funding method. All children eligible for funding (ie 3 years old) are entitled to be offered 15 hours of funding for 38 weeks of the year. At the present time we are not open enough hours each week to offer this. Could we request that everyone fill in the questionnaire provided so that we can assess whether there is enough interest to make it feasible for us to

offer extra hours at Ladybirds. Please could we have your completed form back by Tuesday 4th May.

THANKS: To Shane Childs who has very kindly done some maintenance for us. We are most grateful to him for giving up his time and helping us.

To Rhiannon Raitt who has been successful in raising a grant of £2,500 in order to develop the upper playground into a sensory garden for us. This is a really exciting initiative and I can't wait to see it develop. Your children are going to benefit enormously.

To the fund raising committee who have worked really hard in putting on two excellent fundraisers which have netted valuable pennies for our coffers. The staff team are drawing up a wish list of new equipment that we would like to purchase if funds allow. This will be displayed on the new parent noticeboard that I am in the process of completing. Keep an eye out for any important daily notices.

HELP: We would appreciate donations of out of date dry foodstuffs like flour, pasta and herbs and spices. We can have lots of fun using them to play with. Please check your kitchen cupboards and see if there is anything lurking at the back that we could make use of.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Half term week commences Tuesday 1st June

Election Day Thursday 6th May - we are arranging a trip out that day