



Ladybirds Playgroup and Toddlers

December Update

Staff Changes

Following successful interviews on Wednesday we have appointed a new supervisor for when Christina leaves us at Christmas. Lindsay Veale is a very experienced supervisor who comes from near Crewkerne, the children loved her and we are all looking forward to welcoming her into the Ladybirds Family for a change over period leading up until the end of term.

It goes without saying that we will miss Christina greatly and will be saying farewell to her at the Christmas party - although she will be popping in to playgroup occasionally - no-one gets away that easily!

Playgroup Christmas Activities

Now we're into December we thought we could mention the 'C' word. We will be making Christmas decorations and cookies and will be having another Big Messy Morning on Thursday 3rd. Come and join us if you like. We will be holding Parent Interviews for all Playgroup Children during the week of 8/9/10th December, for which you should receive an appointment.

Christmas Celebration Thursday 10th December 10.00.

All children- including toddlers and babies - parents and volunteers are very welcome to come along to a short Christmas celebration at the church starting at 10.00. The Reception children from Stickland's School with Miss Adler and Mr Robinson will be coming over and joining playgroup children for a 'Messy Church' activity followed by a short informal Christmas celebration with Rev.Harknett.

We will then head back to the hall for refreshments. Playgroup children to be dropped off at hall at usual time.

Pre-School children - Nativity Play and Christmas Party.

Stickland's has invited Ladybirds to bring over those children due to go to



school in September for Thursday 10th December at 2.30 for Key Stage 1 (Thats Reception plus Year 1 plus Year 2) Nativity Play Dress Rehearsal.

Tuesday 15th December at 1.00. Pre-school Christmas Party - they have actually changed the times of this to fit in with our trip in the morning so that we can be there. We will be driving over to both these events so have a chat with Sarah or Marie for more details.

Forest School at Ryewater Farm. Tuesday 15th December.

We are off for our second visit to Ryewater to join Becky House of Plantlife and her conservation volunteers for a session walking through the woods, making Christmas decorations and cooking sausages and hot chocolate for snack.

Becky has asked if she could use some of the pictures taken of the children for their publicity, for which you need to give consent. If you are prepared to do this they will be pictures taken by Ladybirds staff only and you can 'vet' them before we pass them on.

As before we will be taking the children in cars with staff and CRB- checked volunteers. If you would like to come and help or just see what we get up to, you would be very welcome, but it is very muddy on the way in so you will need plenty of wet weather gear! If the weather is horrible we will call it off on the morning. **Please make sure you sign the attached permission slip.**

Thursday 17th December - Christmas Party from 11.00

All welcome to the Ladybirds Christmas Party! Usual playgroup activities for the first half of the morning - without too much mess so we will do our best to keep our party clothes clean!

11.00 Party Snack Time - come along and join us and bring a plate of food to share. If Toddler mummies would like Father Christmas to give their child a present at about 12.00, please bring a little gift wrapped and labelled and we will see he gets it. Please note that the session will finish at about 12.30 and we won't be having lunch club that day.

The new term re-starts on Tuesday January 5th 2010

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all at Ladybirds!!!



Visit to Ryewater Farm, Corscombe

Tuesday December 15th

Permission Slip

Children need to come to Playgroup for normal session times, we will take them by car for Forest School activities, making Christmas decorations, helping to cook sausages over a bonfire for snack and then back to the hall for 12.15 pick up or for lunch club to be picked up at 1.00 as normal.

Please wear warm clothes and wellies and waterproofs.

I give permission for my child

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To go on a visit by car to Ryewater Farm on 15th December

My emergency contact number for the morning will be

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I also do / do not give consent for Plantlife Conservation Charity to use photos of my child for publicity purposes.

In print and /or on the internet.

Signed.....

Checklist: Warm clothes

Waterproof top - and bottoms if you have them*

Wellies

Car Seat to be left.

***We have got spares so don't worry if you don't**