



LADYBIRDS PLAYGROUP

Newsletter 1/10

Dear Parents and Carers,

A Happy New Year to everyone and welcome back to the new term at Ladybirds. This is an exciting New Year and new start for me at Ladybirds and I am very much looking forward to making up a staff team with Sarah and Marie and to working with you all and your children at Ladybirds. A special welcome is extended to Alfie and his family who are joining us this January. We hope that Alfie settles quickly and soon makes new friends.

I am sure you are all aware that Ofsted visited at the end of last year. The inspection report is now published and available for everyone to read. You can ask to read the playgroup copy or find it online at www.ofsted.gov.uk. The overall judgement was that everything is running very satisfactorily and that the group is well placed to develop further in the future. I know that a debt of gratitude is owed to Christina for keeping Ladybirds going and getting it to this point and I am pleased to be in the enviable position of being well placed to improve things further. To that end I would be most grateful if everyone could take the time to fill in the attached questionnaire so that as a staff team we can have a better understanding of how everyone involved in Ladybirds would like to see it develop. The questionnaire does not require your name to be disclosed so feel free to answer honestly, please leave them in the box provided on the foyer table. However if you do have issues that you would like addressed personally make sure you let Lindsay or any other staff member know your concerns, either through the questionnaire or in person.

In order to take advantage of the cold weather our topic for the next few weeks will be Winter. We would be delighted to receive any items from your home or garden for a winter display table. Please also make sure that your child arrives with warm outdoor clothes so that we can take them outside to enjoy the winter weather. We would also like each family to think about some New Year's Resolutions for each child; it would be nice to use our News books to share thoughts about resolutions for each child, examples could be tidying up their toys, or trying to dress themselves, or try new foods. Ideally it would be lovely to come up with resolutions that would be relevant to both home and playgroup and that we could pursue and celebrate in partnership.

Please note in your new 2010 diaries the new contact number for Ladybirds while in session: 07845 118177. My home number if needed is 01460 73005.

Could I also take this opportunity to remind parents to keep us informed if any of your contact details alter; new mobile phone numbers are an obvious one. I also need to know in advance if anyone different will be picking up your child at the end of a session.

Looking forward to all the fun,

Lindsay Veale

