



## Ladybird Playgroup Newsletter - 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2018

**Up and Coming Topics:** Over the next few weeks we have some really exciting topics for the children. These include:

- 25/6 Seaside
- 2/7 Different Jobs
- 9 & 16/7 Sports Fortnight
- 23/7 Sports Day & Free Play

Keep an eye on the whiteboard for more info!

### 2018 Term Dates to match the school:

**Staff Training Day** - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018

**Term Ends** - Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018

**Staff Training** - Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018

**Term Starts** - Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018

**Staff Training** - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018

**Half Term** - 22<sup>th</sup> Oct - 26<sup>th</sup> Oct 2018

**Staff Training Day** - Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018

**Term Ends** - Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018

### Staffing News:

We are sorry to announce that this will be Jess's last term here with us at Ladybird Playgroup. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and wish her the best of luck, in all her new ventures.

Please PLEASE PLEASE!

Don't forget to return all GDPR paperwork and forms that have recently been sent home.

Please can we also remind all parents to pay their fees on time. As per the fee policy a failure to pay fees on time will result in your child's space at Ladybird Playgroup being forfeited. All fees are to be paid 30 days after the invoices are issued. (as per the fee policy), any problems please speak/email Angela ASAP.

Look out for new fee/late payment letter & New Fee Policy, along with next terms funding forms - coming soon.

**Reminders....** If your child is staying for lunch please make sure that any fruit - grapes, Strawberries, bigger blueberries are cut in half lengthways.

Please make sure your child has appropriate footwear on when coming to playgroup - the children play outside regularly and in the wildspace on Friday mornings - Crocs and open toed sandals are not appropriate footwear for using equipment, running and being in the outside space.

Please ensure that all children are sent in with a named water bottle, and a hat. Thank you!

### Important Information re Allergies:

Please be aware we now have 2 children in playgroup with nut allergies so please can we now operate a **NO NUTS** policy regarding the food in your child's lunchbox - thank you.

**Nappies:** if your child is still in nappies, please ensure you bring a couple of spares in a named bag on their peg. If any child develops a sore bottom we have a supply of Sudocreme. If you don't want us to use this on your child please tell Sharon who will make a note in their file.

**Spare Clothes** - Please make sure that your children come to Ladybird Playgroup with a change of clothes in their bag (even if toilet trained), we have been having much fun with the waterplay activities. Playgroup has a small supply of spare clothes but not enough to change every child if they get wet.

**Bringing toys to Ladybird:** Whilst it is really lovely to see the children bring their favourite toys into Ladybird, unfortunately, this is causing increasing arguments and we are finding personal toys are going missing. Please can we therefore ask that children do not bring in anything special including ponies, cars, dolls etc. Comforters and/or a soft toy to cuddle is fine. Thanks for your co-operation.

**Sports day** - The Pre-school children have been practicing hard and looking forward to sports day - on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018, 9.30am on Thriplow School Field. All Parents & Grandparents welcome to come and watch and cheer the children on.

This year sports day will be for the Pre-School Children only (those attending on Mondays) should be finished at the latest by 11am.

**Waitrose** - Last week - keep collecting!

Ladybird Playgroup has been selected to be one of Waitrose in Trumpington, Green Token Charities for the month of June. If you shop in Waitrose or know anyone that does, please help Ladybird Playgroup by placing the green token in their section - more tokens means a bigger share of £1000.00 - spread the word.

### SAVE THE DATE!

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

**Ladybird Playgroup AGM**

**At Ladybird Playgroup, 7.30pm**

Please come along to the Ladybird Playgroup AGM, to see the work that the committee & staff have done over the past year.

We have several Committee members who will be leaving at this AGM as their children move upwards to Primary School.

Would you like to be actively and practically involved in your child's pre-school learning, and help to make a difference in the way Ladybirds is run. Would you like to meet other parents, update existing skills or learn new ones. WE will also need help in organising fundraising events over the next year as well as needing members to fill roles on the Committee.

For more information speak to Meghan Bonner (Current Chairperson)- Don't forget "more hands make light work..."

**Wildspace Fridays!** Friday mornings at Ladybird continue to be 'Wildspace' mornings.

Could children who attend Ladybird on Friday come in ready wearing long trousers, & could also bring in:

- All in one suit/ rain suit to cover indoor clothing and which keeps clothes clear and protects from stings
- Boots/wellies if you don't want to use 'borrowed' ones.

Please ensure the children are dressed appropriately for the activities we will be doing in the wildspace. This may include;

- Rolling down hills (even if it's muddy!)
- Playing with the mud kitchen
- Imaginative play
- Building bug houses
- Planting
- Water play
- Den building
- Learning about safety with plants
- Learning about respecting animal habitats
- Observing the horse in the neighbouring paddock

We look forward to exploring the wildspace with the children and enjoying all that this wonderful outdoor space has to offer.

### Full to Capacity at Ladybirds!

Please note that we are full up on several days at Ladybirds, and that extends to the new school year in September too.

Do contact us as soon as possible if you haven't already booked in your 2018/2019 spaces and do sign up younger siblings for Ladybirds as soon as you can to be assured of a place.

**Dads Week** - Thank you to all the Dads (and Grandads) who came in to spend time with their Children during Dads week - we hope that everyone had as much fun as we did. Come and have a look at photos in the foyer at Ladybirds.