



Ladybird News



May 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had an excellent response to signing in the diaries when you listen to your children at home, thank you. Several children have now received their bronze award in assembly and are now aiming to achieve their silver award as soon as they can. Reading with your child each evening is invaluable to their education. It not only allows them to practise their phonic skills (decoding and blending words together), it also opens them up to a wide range of vocabulary to prepare them for the year. The more words they have read and you have discussed with them puts them further ahead.

Just to remind parent the school day starts at 8.45am. Please can I remind parents that pupils should not be on site before 8.35am.

After the half term break we will be offering a multi sports, after school club for children to enjoy more sporting fun. The club will be on a Friday and will start at 3pm and finish at 4.15. Parents should collect their children from the schools main entrance.

I have now received many 'parent's voice' slips back now. Thank you so much for all the positive comments. Ladybirds are such a positive class to teach and they all really enjoy coming to school every day. This shows they are happy with their learning environment, which as their teacher is the nicest thing to witness. Thank you for all your support.

From Miss Haywood

Some of what we will be learning this month...

- Our role play area will be a campsite for May. The children can experience singing outdoor camping songs and many team building activities.
- In maths we are focusing closely on using language related to time. If you can help by speaking to your child about what time they go to bed and what time they wake up – this is very helpful. For example if they can say ' I go to bed at 7 o'clock' they are using time language and can achieve this early learning statement.
- In literacy we are working on writing more. Please try and ask your child to write a sentence from their reading book. Don't show them it – just say the sentence. I normally say this to them 3 times, then ask them to repeat the sentence to me to make sure they have remembered the sentence. You can say the sentence as many times as it is needed as they cannot write it if they can't remember it. This technique also teaches memory as well as literacy skills.

Things to remember

- **Please remember to remove earing on PE days (Tuesdays and Thursday).** All items of jewellery have to be removed for PE and we cannot accept responsibility for the security of these items. It is not safe to do PE activities wearing jewellery. If you have any concerns about this please ask me and I will be pleased to advise you.
- Please check new clothing for names, we are finding jumpers without names in and therefore do not know who to return them to.
- Please ensure your child has footwear they can fasten up themselves. They are a lot of children with laces that they cannot tie yet. Please try to provide velcro or slip on shoes whilst you are teaching them to tie laces.

Fun at the beach – April's role play area.

Danniella as Ariel and Aqsa as Eric, from the little mermaid.



Dates for your diary

This month

30th May - Half term.

Role play area = Camping

Next month

6th June - return to school after half term.

15th June - Reading day. Parents are welcome to join us in the morning to see how we experience reading in the classroom every day. More information will be available about this in next month's newsletter.