

Autumn 2015 Newsletter

'My Learning Journey'

Your child's Learning Journey is the name given to the developmental records we maintain on your child. The staff are busy updating them currently and we will have them ready for you to view after half term.

We would also like to invite you to add exciting news/events during the term by completing the stars we have handed out, to be displayed on our notice board. If you would like to see your child's Learning Journey during the term please speak directly to your child's Key worker.

In addition we are able to offer a meeting to review your child's Learning Journey.

Welcome

We would like to say Hello and Welcome to our new Ladybirds –

Peter, Marcus and Keira

For more news visit:

www.ladybirdsleavenheath.com

www.facebook.com/ladybirdsleavenheath

Term Dates

Autumn Term 7 Sept–18 December

Autumn Half Term 23–30 October

Ladybirds return 2 November

PD Days 3 & 4 September,
23 October

Dates For Your Diary

11th September – Parents Get-Together at the Hare & Hounds, Leavenheath

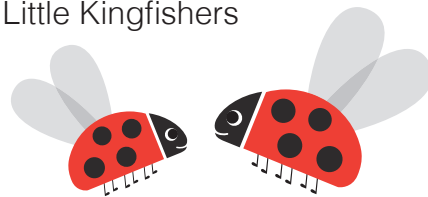
19th September – Tempest Photography Session

30th October – Halloween Party

20th October – Afternoon visit to Royston Wood

11th December – A Christmas Story at St Matthews Church

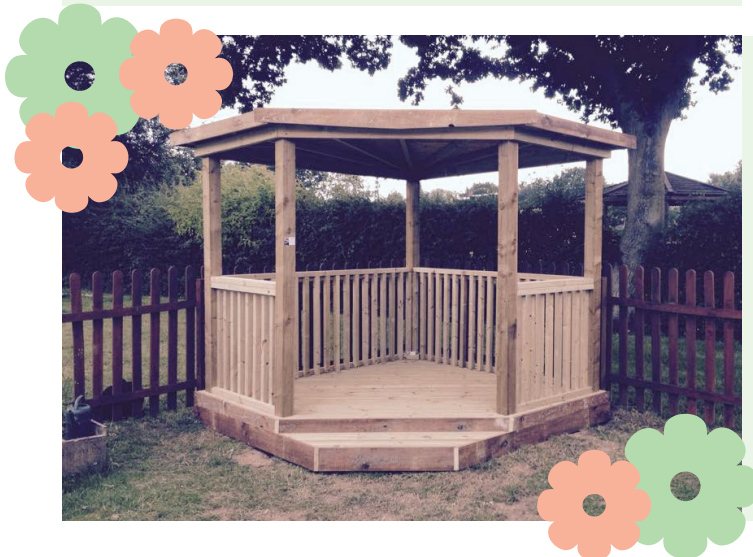
18th December – Christmas Party at Little Kingfishers



Our Garden

Some of you may have seen the new addition to our garden but if not, here it is!

This is something we've wanted for a while for our "Mud-Pie Kitchen" area and we're sure will be used for many other activities too including reading, den making, and general digging obviously! Thank you to our Committee and the Village Hall Committee for enabling us to get it and of course to Simon Lawrence for building it.



Themes, Craft & Activities For This Term

7th September: *Letter of the Week is G.* Holidays – What did we do this Summer, Share Holiday Scrapbooks, Make Passports, Describe family and features.

14th September: *Letter of the Week is H.* Healthy Eating – Make Fruit Kebabs, Fruit Collaging Craft.

21st September: *Letter of the Week is I.* Story Theme – Elmer the Elephant. Make an Elmer Elephant.

28th September: *Letter of the Week is J.* Story Theme – Elmer the Elephant. Make a Junk Model Wilbur Elephant.

5th October: *Letter of the Week is K.* Harvest – Dig up our Garden Veg to take home, Share Harvest story on Friday 9th with Rev. Val, Make Corn Dollies with Lesley on Monday 5th, Vegetable printing.

12th October: *Letter of the Week is L.* Superheroes – Make Superhero Masks/ Capes, Magic Painting, Stories: Traction Man & Super Daisy.

19th October: *Letter of the Week is M.* Halloween – Bug Jelly, Black Cat Stencil & Sponging, Make Halloween cookies.

2nd November: *Letter of the Week is N.* Remembrance/Bonfire Night – Make Rockets, Make a Poppy wreath, Cooking – Poppy Seed cake.

9th November: *Letter of the Week is O.* Diwali – Make and decorate Clay Tea lights, Cut and Decorate Lanterns.

16th November: *Letter of the Week is P.* Autumn – Make a Handprint Tree, Leaf and Hibernation tray.

23rd November: *Letter of the Week is Q.* Nursery Rhymes & Familiar Stories – Make a house for The Three little pigs using different textures, Make a Humpty Dumpty picture using brick stencil and oval shape, Group Singing.

30th November: *Letter of the Week is R.* Christmas – Paint, Glue and Dress a Giant Snowman.

7th December: *Letter of the Week is S.* Christmas – Make a Christmas Card and Pop up Snowman

14th December: *Letter of the Week is T.* Christmas – Make a Handprint Calendar and decorate baubles.

18th December: Last Day of Term. Christmas Party at Little Kingfishers, Play, Lunch and a Special visitor 10am – 2pm.

Uniforms



If you would like to order our new uniform you now can now do so directly by contacting –

Needlepoint Designs

17 Gaol Lane

Sudbury

Suffolk CO10 1JL

Tel:01787 882341

www.needlepoint.co.uk

Information on sizes and prices can be found on the Ladybirds website.

Please Collect

We need wine boxes for our Elmer Theme by 21st September.

Committee News

Thank you all for your support with fundraising over recent months. Due to your efforts and the determination and organisation of Stella our amazing new gazebo is up and running and will be used throughout the year for a wide range of activities. We even have a new mud pie kitchen created by Richard Appleby to ensure the mud-pie exploration continues.

Unfortunately Wendy Weston has had to step down from her position as chairperson and will be sorely missed. We would like to thank her for her huge and tireless contribution to Ladybirds. Amy Moore will be taking over as chairperson with Wendy's continued support.

Ladybirds is a committee run organisation and is run by parents, so why not give joining our committee your consideration. We are a friendly bunch and now meet in the local pub so you can enjoy a glass of wine whilst supporting Ladybirds. We always need new members and the wide range of skills that our parents bring to the committee. Why not come along to a meeting to see what it is all about, or talk to one of us about it at the Parent's social on 11th of September at the Hare and Hounds.

Children's Personal Belongings

Please ensure all your child's belongings including lunch boxes are named, and that they have a change of clothing for messy activities, along with Coats, Wellies, Suncream and Hats for the garden. Where needed please include wipes and nappies.

Collection of Children

If you would like your child to be collected by someone who is not on our list of authorised people, please notify a member of staff who will record the name of the person collecting, and ask them for identification on arrival.

Policies & Procedures

Our Policies are regularly reviewed and updated and available for you to read in our Foyer.

Our setting is committed to safeguarding children and promoting the welfare of children, young people and adults at all times and expects everybody working within this setting to share this commitment.