

9th November 2009

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to term 2. We hope that you had the opportunity to enjoy the fabulous autumn weather over the holidays.

FOREST SCHOOL

We are really pleased to have started our forest school sessions as part of our pilot scheme for offering children 15 hours at Nursery each week. The children have all enjoyed their first 'Forest School' session. We spent our time using magnifying glasses and 'kaleidoscope' viewers to look at the natural world around us, and then choosing something for our name cards. All the children loved their picnic lunches and we look forward to many more happy weeks in the old garden. Please read the notice board outside the Community Room for the plans at Forest School and any other information you need. There is a display at the front entrance showing just some of what the children did in their first week, please take a look! Thank you for your support. Joanna



WEBSITE

We want to thank David Jones for updating our website, do take a look at it www.lydallsnurseryschool.co.uk, we display the newsletters and term dates there. We are also soon going to introduce a gallery to exhibit some of the children's work and photographs. We welcome any feedback about the site.

PARENTMAIL

Many of you will now be receiving your newsletters by email. If you are not yet, but would like to, please complete the attached form and hand into the school office. Parents are now being sent details of their child's weekly group time plans. It would help us to know if you are finding this useful, or have any suggestion for how we might develop this work.

SHARE WITH US

We are starting to get some lovely feedback from you about your child's activities and development at home. If you would like to share a special event or an aspect of your child's development please pop a note in the 'Share With Us' box by the register.

THANKYOU

Thank you to lots of parents for their help over last term, especially to Deborah (Louis's Mum), Joanne (Summer-Rose's Mum), Lucy (Isabella's Mum) for their help in the garden; extending our wild flower meadow and planting a walnut tree for future generations to enjoy! Also thank you to Tina (Adam's Mum) and Helen (Dylan's Mum) for helping with shopping and preparations for the New Children's Tea Party. The children were also inspired by visits from musical parents and our thanks to Dean (Taylor's Dad) for performing on his African Drums, exciting our afternoon children and Jenny (Michael's Mum) for entrancing the children with her harp playing.

HOLIDAY CLUBS

Each holiday Chameleon Club runs at Willowcroft School with Neighbourhood Kids providing a high quality experience for children aged 3-11. The sessions become booked up very quickly. The club will run from 21st - 23rd Dec. Bookings must be in by the 15th Nov. If you would like to book a session speak to Helen or Kate or visit www.willowcroft.org.uk and go to the childcare section. You may be able to access Go4it funding for these sessions if you are experiencing financial hardship, just ask!



PRIVACY NOTICES FOR 2010

To meet the requirements of the Data Protection Act 1998 please find attached a copy of the Privacy Notice for 2010 with reference to data held at Lydalls Nursery School about your child.

REMINDERS

- Please be on time to collect your child, it can be very distressing for the children if you are late collecting them.
- Please remember to let us know by 9.30am if your child will not be in on a day when they are due to have lunch with us. If you do not we will have to arrange for a lunch which must be paid for.
- Donations of fruit are always gratefully received and donations of junk modeling are welcome but no toilet rolls please!
- £1 donation to school funds helps us buy miscellaneous items such as guinea pig bedding and food.
- Please close all doors and gates behind you.
- Put your child's name in their bags, clothing and shoes.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Over the next 4 weeks we will be collecting the following items for our Christmas Bazaar:

- Bottles of wine
- Decorated jars filled with sweets/small toys etc
- Items for the tombola

Please place these in the box by one of the register tables. If you can help with preparations or run a stall on the day please let a member of staff know.

IMPORTANT DATES

Attached is a sheet with important dates to remember.

Claire White
Headteacher

LYDALLS NURSERY SCHOOL - IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Event
Tues 1 st Dec	Parents Open Evening 6.30 - 7.30pm
Fri 4 th Dec	Christmas Bazaar 2-4 School closes at 12.30 (no afternoon session) Forest school session will finish at 2.00 as usual.
Fri 11 th Dec	Last Forest School Session this term
Wed 16 th Dec	Last full day of school
Thurs 17 th Dec	Christmas Party for Julie's group & Part Time Afternoon children 10-12.30 Christmas singing to parents 12.15 - 12.30
Fri 18 th Dec	Christmas Party for Sally's group & Part Time Morning children 10 - 12.30 Christmas singing to parents 12.15 - 12.30
Mon 4 th Jan	INSET Day
Tues 5 th Jan	First day of term 3
Fri 12 th Feb	Last day of term 3
Mon 22 nd Feb	First day of term 4
Thurs 1 st April	Last day of term 4
Tues 20 th April	First day of term 5
Mon 3 rd May	Bank Holiday - Nursery Closed
Fri 28 th May	Last day of term 5
Mon 7 th June	First day of term 6
Wed 21 st July	Last full day of term 6
Thurs 22 nd July	Last day of term 6 School Closes at 12.30

Privacy Notice - Data Protection Act 1998

We Lydalls Nursery School are the Data Controller for the purposes of the Data Protection Act. We collect information from you, and may receive information about you from your previous school.

We hold this personal data and use it to:

- support your teaching and learning;
- monitor and report on your progress;
- provide appropriate pastoral care, and
- assess how well your school is doing.

This information includes your contact details, national curriculum assessment results, characteristics such as ethnic group, special educational needs and any relevant medical information.

We will not give information about you to anyone outside the school without your consent unless the law and our rules permit it.

We are required by law to pass some of your information to the Local Authority (LA), and the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF).

If you want to see a copy of the information we hold and share about you then please contact the school office

If you require more information about how the LA and/or DCSF store and use this data please go to the following websites:

- <http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/plink/publicsite/contactus/W/Internet/Contact+us/Website+information/CD+-+Help+-+privacy+notice+school+data> and http://www.teachernet.gov.uk/_doc/13856/DCSF%20what%20we%20do%20with%20Children's%20data%20v4%20final.doc

If you are unable to access these websites, please contact the LA or the DCSF as follows:

- Data Protection Officer
Commissioning, Performance & Quality Assurance
Children, Young People & Families
Oxfordshire County Council
County Hall
New Road
Oxford OX1 1ND
email: david.spark@oxfordshire.gov.uk
- Public Communications Unit
Department for Children, Schools and Families
Sanctuary Buildings
Great Smith Street
London
SW1P 3BT
website: www.dcsf.gov.uk
email: info@dcsf.gsi.gov.uk
tel: 0870 000 2288.

PARENTMAIL

I am able to receive information and give permission for my email address & mobile no. to be registered with ParentMail®.

Parent Name/s

_____ / _____

Childs name _____

Form/class (GROUP LEADER) _____

My Email address/es _____ (insert email address/es)

Mobile Telephone numbers

(Mother) _____ / (Father) _____

Signature _____ Date _____