

9th February 2010

Dear Parents and Carers

The start to the New Year has certainly been eventful, with lots of snow and high levels of illness!

Please help us limit the spread of infection by ensuring your child develops good hygiene habits by:-

- Using a tissue and disposing of it in a bin
- Covering their mouth when coughing
- Washing their hands thoroughly after using the toilet

REMINDERS

- FRUIT - Please bring in contributions of fruit for the children to share at snack time.
- SCHOOL FUND - Please remember a weekly £1 contribution to the frog money box to help buy expendable resources.
- DINNER MONEY - This must be paid in advance either for the half term or on a Monday morning for the week. Put payment in an envelope marked with your child's name. After half term cheques need to be payable to **OCC - Lydalls Nursery School** in preparation for our move to the SAP system.
- LABELLING OF CLOTHES & SHOES - Please clearly mark all clothing.

OPEN DAY AND PARENTS EVENING - TUESDAY 23RD MARCH

We will be holding a Governors open day all day on Tuesday 23rd March when governors will be sharing their report to parents. If you have any questions for the Governors or would like to talk to them about how they support the work of the school please come along from 9.30 - 10.30 or 1.30 - 2.30. We will also have our building development plans on display.

Our termly Open Evening is on the same day from (6.30- 7.30pm) and there will be a governor representative there. Please see your group leader to book an appointment on this evening to discuss your child's progress.

CONGRATULATIONS

We are always keen to support the on-going professional development of our staff. We are very proud of their recent attainments, Sally, Joanne and Kim gained new literacy qualifications and Karen has gained a NVQ level 4 qualification and Helen a level 3 in 'Children's Care, Learning and Development'. Kate has also gained a second NVQ qualification this one level 3 in playwork.

FOREST SCHOOL -

Please see the noticeboard in the entrance hall that shows our planning for the week and what the children can learn from it. This term we have a slightly shorter time outside as all the children at Forest School are enjoying a hot, home-cooked lunch within the Nursery. Sue will put the daily menu on the



board to let you know what your child will have for lunch. Please remember to bring your child in warm clothes on Forest School day, especially at least two pairs of socks as cold feet are a barrier to the children enjoying their sessions in very cold weather.

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Attached is a curriculum newsletter with information on experiences your children may have at Lydalls in terms 3 and 4.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY AND CHAMELEON CLUB

Please remember school is closed from Mon 15th - Fri 19th February. Chameleon Club will be running at Willowcroft School, please see Kate for details or visit www.willowcroft.org.uk (childcare section) for a booking form.



FREE ROUTINE DENTAL CARE

The Smile Practice in Didcot provide free routine dental care for children under the age of 18 and try to promote how important it is to look after your teeth, as this can greatly affect your health. They are also running a toothbrush amnesty, children are asked to take in their old toothbrushes to receive a new one. They would love to get as many children as possible involved in their toothbrush amnesty and then continue to see a dentist for regular dental examinations. Please see the poster on the cloakroom notice board for more details.

HOME ACCESS GRANT

Parents of children in years 3 to 9, who receive at least one of the following:

- Free school meals for their child
 - Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
 - Income support
 - Child Tax Credit but not Working Tax Credit and an income of less than £16,040
 - Guaranteed Pension Credit (not Savings Credit)
 - Income-based Employment Support Allowance
 - Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- are eligible to apply for a Home Access Grant.



The grant allows eligible applicants to buy one of the following packages:

1. Full package (a computer, one year's internet access, service and support)
2. A computer with service and support only
3. One year's internet access only

To find out further information, please go to:

<http://www.homeaccess.org.uk/> or phone 0333 200 1004 to get an application form.

Please remember grants are limited and available on a first-come first-served basis.

LOCAL ACTIVITIES

- Didcot-Meylan Twinning Association is holding a **JOURNÉE FRANÇAISE**
SATURDAY MARCH 27TH 1030-1500
At Ladygrove Park Primary school by kind permission of the headteacher
What to expect:-
Work in small groups with experienced teachers of French to jump start your learning. A variety of activities to suit all abilities and levels.
Would you like your children to spend a day immersed in French-based activities? (including games, songs and cooking)
Do you want to take your first steps to being able to make yourself understood in French?
Perhaps you are thinking of reviving your school French for use on holiday or you would like the opportunity to spend a day using your language skills in a friendly and informal group.
Possibility of revising for French GCSE oral.
Please contact Sheralyn Hares on 01491 837718 for more details, or email cavafrenchclub@btconnect.com
Cost: £15 per head (£20 for two people from the same address).
The price includes coffee/squash and a croissant. Our French café will be open for lunch.
For more information about the twinning association please visit the website www.didcottwinning.org.uk
- South Didcot Children's Centre in Hillary Drive (opposite the wave swimming pool) offers a programme of fun activities for parents and children under 5 to enjoy together.
Their staff can also help with issues relating to childcare, work and training, housing and benefits.
Please pop in for a programme or phone 01235 511444 for more information

IMPORTANT DATES

Please see over the page for Lydalls Nursery School important dates.

LYDALLS NURSERY SCHOOL

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Date	Event
Fri 12 th Feb	Last day of term 3
Mon 15 th - Fri 19 th Feb	Chameleon Club running at Willowcroft School
Mon 22 nd Feb	First day of term 4
Thurs 1 st April	Last day of term 4
Tues 6 th - Fri 16 th April	Chameleon Club running at Willowcroft School
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
Tues 1 st - Fri 4 th June	Chameleon Club running at Willowcroft School
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
Mon 26 th July - Fri 20 th Aug	Chameleon Club running at Willowcroft School

