

# LYDALLS

## NURSERY SCHOOL



### **Lydalls Nursery School and Chameleon Club newsletter – November 2017**

This newsletter contains all the essential information that you need as we get ready for the end of term and Christmas.

#### **Groundforce morning – a thank you**

Thank you to everyone who helped at last month's Groundforce gardening morning. The outdoor area looks a lot tidier and more welcoming. We are looking forward to the Spring bulbs that the children planted coming into bloom next year.



#### **Staff news**

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November Steph went into hospital for a routine operation. This will mean that she will need some time at home to recover before returning to work.

The emotional well-being and security of Steph's key children has been a priority for us in planning and preparing for her absence. We have therefore covered Steph's absence with Lydalls Nursery School staff to provide continuity and familiarity for the children. We look forward to welcoming Steph back to work at Lydalls in January 2018. I am sure you will join me in wishing Steph a speedy recovery!

Annie Allen, our Chameleon Club Coordinator, will be leaving us at the end of the Christmas holiday club. Annie has worked at Lydalls for three and a half years and helped us to establish the two year old base and holiday club at Nursery. We are going to miss her hugely but she has been given an incredible opportunity to develop a business with her husband. We all have times in life when we need to take that leap and follow our dreams so I hope you will join me in wishing Annie and Nick all the very best for their future. Thank you for all your hard work at Lydalls, Annie.

#### **Safety Reminder**



Please can we ask all parents and carers to be extremely vigilant around the doors and gates to and from nursery. Please do not hold or leave doors and gates open and check that other children are not tail-gating you as you leave the building. The gate code will be changing shortly. Please do not share the gate code with anybody else including your children. We appreciate your assistance and support with this.

#### **Getting ready for our Christmas Fundraising**

We are asking parents and carers to take a glass jar, decorate it and fill it with sweets for us to sell on the 14<sup>th</sup> December.

Please take a jar from reception to fill!

Raffle tickets are now on sale at £1 each with the amazing prize of the famous 'Lydalls Christmas Hamper'. This contains all the goodies to make your festivities go with a swing.

### **Applying for Primary School - Children who were born between 1.9.2013 and 31.8.2014**

Children who were born between 1.9.2013 and 31.8.2014 will be able to start Primary School in September 2018.

Now is a good time to contact local Primary Schools to ask to look around because you will get an idea of how Reception classes feel at the beginning of the school year. Our advice is to visit without your child in the first instance.

All parents must apply to Oxfordshire County Council for a school place between October 2017 and 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018. This can be done online. You will not receive any forms from Oxfordshire County Council through the post. Please note that applications are not on a 'first come, first served' basis but if you do not apply by the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018 you are less likely to receive a place at your school of choice.

The Oxfordshire County Council website is full of advice, guidance and information, including a very useful online distance calculator that shows which schools are closest to your home.

[https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/admissions-infant-and-primary-schools?utm\\_source=FURL-1&utm\\_medium=primaryadmissions&utm\\_term=nil&utm\\_content=&utm\\_campaign=primaryadmissions](https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/admissions-infant-and-primary-schools?utm_source=FURL-1&utm_medium=primaryadmissions&utm_term=nil&utm_content=&utm_campaign=primaryadmissions)

### **12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> December: Cornerstones 'The Nutcracker and the mouse king'**



We are asking for a voluntary contribution of at least £4 per child to support this educational visit. Tickets cost £8.50; 'Friends of Lydalls' will contribute towards this visit. Please send payment to the office in an envelope marked Cornerstone and your child's name and could any donations paid by cheques be made payable to 'Friends of Lydalls'. Please complete the slip at the end of this letter and return with your contribution. A hard copy of this can be collected from the office.

(Unfortunately this production is not suitable for children in the younger Chameleon Club 2 year old base).

#### ***Afternoon children (Claire Louise PM, Karen, Joanne) – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December***

- Please take your child to Cornerstones theatre to arrive at 12.45pm. Your child's group leader will be ready to meet them there.
- Please collect your child from their group leader outside Cornerstones at 2.30pm

*If your child attends a 30 hour or a lunch session we will walk them up to Cornerstones*

*If your child has a 30 hour session we will walk them back to Nursery*

**THERE ARE NO AFTERNOON NURSERY SESSIONS RUNNING ON THIS DAY  
(Chameleon Club 2 year old base and 30 hour sessions are open as usual)**

### ***Morning children (Claire Louise AM, Lucy, Sally) – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December***

- Please take your child to Cornerstones theatre to arrive at 9.45am. Your child's group leader will be ready to meet them there.
- Please collect your child from their group leader outside Cornerstones at 11.30am

*If your child attends breakfast club on a Wednesday morning we will walk them up to Cornerstones*

*If your child attends a 30 hour or lunch session we will walk them back to Nursery*

**THERE ARE NO MORNING NURSERY SESSIONS RUNNING ON THIS DAY**  
(Chameleon Club 2 year old base and 30 hour sessions are open as usual)

### **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Party Day**

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £2 to provide food at the Christmas Party. Please send payment to the office in an envelope marked Christmas Party and your child's name.



#### ***Morning children (Claire Louise AM, Lucy, Sally)***

- Please bring your child to Nursery at 10.30am on party day
- We would like to invite you to hear the children singing a selection of Christmas songs at 12.00pm
- The party will end at 12.30pm

#### ***Afternoon children (Claire Louise PM, Karen, Joanne)***

- Please bring your children to Nursery at 1.30pm on party day
- We would like to invite you to hear the children singing a selection of Christmas songs at 3.00pm
- The party will end at 3.30pm

**THERE ARE NO OTHER NURSERY SESSIONS RUNNING ON THIS DAY**  
(Chameleon Club 2 year old base and 30 hour sessions are open as usual)

### **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

Nursery closes for Christmas at 11.45am



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### **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> until Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December: Christmas holiday club**



Chameleon Club are running a Christmas holiday club for families who require childcare, for children aged between 3 and 5, over the holiday period.

If you are looking for childcare for that week we are taking bookings now. Please talk to Maggie in the office to make a booking or Annie Allen, our Chameleon Club co-ordinator, to find out more about the activities and experiences that are on offer.

### **30 Hour Codes**

Parents entitled to the extended 30 hours need to apply **as soon as possible** for their 30 hours eligibility codes. We have been advised that you apply **before 30 November** to make sure you get your code in good time for the spring term starting in January. Not all parents can get a code straight away – HMRC sometimes needs more information to check whether a parent is eligible.

Parents who already have an eligibility code are reminded to reconfirm their eligibility for 30 hours every 3 months. Reconfirmation must take place before **31 December** to secure a place for the spring term in January.

### **Facebook and School Website**

Don't forget to look at our school website. It contains all sorts of useful information about the school including school policies as well as links to websites that may be of support or interest to families of young children.

[www.lydallsnurseryschool.co.uk](http://www.lydallsnurseryschool.co.uk)

We also have a Facebook page 'Lydalls Nursery School and Chameleon Club, Didcot'

### **Dates for diaries**

Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Photographer in to take individual photos
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Parents' Evening 4-6pm
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Outing to Cornerstone for afternoon children – <b>Nursery Closed for afternoon session</b> , Chameleon Club and 30 hour session open as usual
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Outing to Cornerstone for morning children – <b>Nursery Closed for morning session</b> , Chameleon Club and 30 hour session open as usual
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Fundraising Sweet Stall – offers of help gratefully received
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Parties – <b>Nursery Closed</b> , Chameleon Club and 30 hour session open as usual
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Nursery Closes 11.45am</b> Chameleon Club and 30 hour session open as usual
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December – Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Christmas School Holiday – <b>Nursery Closed</b> Chameleon Club Holiday Club will be running at Lydalls 20 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> December
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	INSET Day – <b>Nursery &amp; Chameleon Club Closed</b>
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	February School Holiday – <b>Nursery Closed</b> Chameleon Club Holiday Club will be running at Lydalls
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter School Holiday – <b>Nursery Closed</b> Chameleon Club Holiday Club will be running at Lydalls 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> April
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET Day – <b>Nursery &amp; Chameleon Club Closed</b>
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday - <b>Nursery &amp; Chameleon Club Closed</b>
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	May School Holiday – <b>Nursery Closed</b> Chameleon Club Holiday Club will be running at Lydalls 29 <sup>th</sup> May – 1 <sup>st</sup> June
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term 6 – <b>Nursery Closes at 11.45am</b> Chameleon Club and 30 hour session open as usual



**Outing to Cornerstone Theatre to see  
'The Nutcracker and the mouse king'  
12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

I give my permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the 'The Nutcracker and the mouse king' production at Cornerstone Theatre on *(please tick your child's group performance)*

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

**Please tick the box which applies to your child**

• ***Afternoon groups (Claire Louise PM, Karen, Joanne) – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December***

I will bring my child to meet Lydalls Staff at Cornerstone at 12.45pm and collect my child from the theatre at 2.30pm.

My child will need to be taken to Cornerstone from Lydalls 30 hour or lunch session and I will collect my child from the theatre at 2.30pm.

I will bring my child to meet Lydalls Staff at Cornerstone at 12.45pm and my child will need to be walked back for a top-up sessions by Lydalls staff after the performance.

My child will need to be taken to Cornerstone from Lydalls 30 hour or lunch session and my child will need to be walked back for a top-up sessions by Lydalls staff after the performance.

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My child will need to be taken to Cornerstone from Breakfast Club or top-up session and I will collect my child from the theatre at 11.30am.

I will bring my child to meet Lydalls Staff at Cornerstone at 9.45am and my child will need to be walked back for a 30 hour or lunch session by Lydalls staff after the performance.

My child will need to be taken to Cornerstone from Breakfast Club or top-up and my child will need to be walked back for a 30 hour or lunch session by Lydalls staff after the performance.

• **I am sorry but \_\_\_\_\_ is unable to go on this outing.**

I enclose a voluntary contribution of £ \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Please make cheques payable to 'Friends of Lydalls')*

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Date \_\_\_\_\_