



Lydalls Nursery School and Chameleon Club newsletter – January 2018

Welcome back to another term at Lydalls Nursery School and a particularly warm welcome to all the new children and families who have joined us this term. We are enjoying getting to know all of you.

Please do drop by my office if you haven't already met me. I'll also be teaching in the main Nursery classroom on Thursdays and Fridays this term.

Staff news

It is a delight to have Steph Todd back at work after her hip operation at the end of last term. Steph is now fully recovered complete with her usual energy and enthusiasm. Steph will be working in the two year old base all day until the end of the Summer term.

Having said goodbye to Annie Allen at Christmas we have now advertised for a member of staff to lead our two year old base and holiday club.

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/occs/education/educationjobshampshire/educationjobshome/educationjobsjobdetail.htm?id=60728&swatch=>

Sadly Karen Russell will be leaving us at the beginning of February. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Karen for all her hard work at Lydalls. We wish her well in all that she does in the future. Karen has a particular passion for outdoor learning so I will always be reminded of her when we are busy growing and planting!

Sally Oxley will be taking Karen's afternoon group on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and I will be looking after them on a Thursday and Friday. In the mornings, Sarah Beeton will work alongside Steph in the two year old base until the end of the Spring term.

Tapestry

We are hearing lots of positive comments from parents and carers about the Tapestry online learning journeys. Lots of people are enjoying looking at the photographs with their child which then prompts discussions about learning and what children get up to during their session. We also love it when we get a comment or photograph back from you so keep these coming!

Fences – Can you help with a quick fix?

We have a number of small, portable wooden fences that we use outside to section areas off or create smaller enclosed outside such as the building and loose parts area and, in the Summer, our growing area.

Over time the 'legs' on these wooden fences come loose and we are hoping that a kind parent or carer could come in with a drill and fix them for us!

If you are able to spare some time, and you have a drill, we would be very grateful. Please speak to a member of staff if you are able to help us out. Thank you.

Safety Reminder: Parking on Lydalls Road

Please can we ask all parents and carers to park with care and consideration for each other's safety and residents living on Lydalls Road.

Bollywood dance experience – 7/2/18

We are really looking forward to our forthcoming Bollywood dance experience day at Nursery on Wednesday 7th February. I know that the children will thoroughly enjoy the opportunity to learn some dance moves with the professional dancers who will be visiting us. We also plan to continue and develop the children's learning in the nursery environment afterwards so watch this space!

We are asking for voluntary contributions of £3 to support this experience.

Coming to Nursery regularly and arriving on time

Whether your child has a 15 hour or 30 hour place, it really makes a difference if you attend regularly and arrive on time at the beginning of your session and at collection time.

Regular attendance, on time, helps children to separate from their parents or carers at the start of their session, make and re-connect with their friends and settle more readily into their play and learning together. We notice that when children regularly miss sessions or arrive late that they can need to try just a bit harder to understand what is going on at nursery and what other children are talking about or doing.

Attending regularly and on time helps your child to make the most progress that they can at Lydalls before they take the next step into Primary school life.

Lost Property

We have quite a collection of lost property in our reception area at the moment. Please could you have a quick look to see if any belongs to you?

Any lost property that is unclaimed by Friday 26th January will be given to charity or disposed of.

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

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

Dates for diaries

Wednesday 7 th February	Bollywood dance workshop experience
Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th February	February School Holiday – Nursery Closed Chameleon Club Holiday Club will be running at Lydalls
Monday 19 th March	Parents Evening
Friday 30 th March – Friday 13 th April	Easter School Holiday – Nursery Closed Chameleon Club Holiday Club will be running at Lydalls 3 rd – 13 th April
Monday 16 th April	INSET Day – Nursery & Chameleon Club Closed
Monday 7 th May	Bank Holiday - Nursery & Chameleon Club Closed
Monday 28 th May – Friday 1 st June	May School Holiday – Nursery Closed Chameleon Club Holiday Club will be running at Lydalls 29 th May – 1 st June
Wednesday 25 th July	Last day of term 6 – Nursery Closes at 11.45am Chameleon Club and 30 hour session open as usual