



## **Lydalls Nursery School and Chameleon Club newsletter – March 2018**

Thank you to everyone for your support during the recent very exceptional cold weather. I now think I can almost say with confidence that Spring has arrived. This is such a special time at Nursery as the children start to grow more aware of all of the changes that are happening around them in the natural world. The hatching chicks have provided so many 'wow' moments of awe and wonder and the bulbs that the children helped plant at the beginning of Winter are now a welcome explosion of colour in the Nursery garden.

The last day of term is Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March and Nursery will close at 3.45pm. We will be re-opening for the Summer term on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April.

I hope that you all have a safe and happy bank holiday weekend with your families. My fingers are crossed for some sunshine!

### **Staffing**

Sarah Beeton will sadly be leaving Lydalls at the end of this week and we wish her well as she moves to exciting new challenges with the opportunity to return to teaching across the Primary age range. We are going to really miss Sarah but we are sure that she will keep in touch with us! Good luck, Sarah!

I am however very pleased to announce that Steph Todd and Sam Jones will both be taking on new roles and responsibilities at Lydalls. Steph is going to become a Nursery Nurse and take over Sarah Beeton's keygroup in the afternoons. Sam will be a keyperson in the two year old base, working alongside Steph in the mornings. In the afternoons, Helen will be working alongside Pam in the two year old base.

In addition to this, we have appointed a new Teaching Assistant to work with us in the mornings and across the lunchtime period in the main Nursery. Her name is Emily Crook. I'm sure you will all help her to settle in with us. Do say hello to Emily when we return after Easter.

## **Holiday Club**

After much consideration and discussion, the Governing Body have decided that we will no longer be running a Holiday Club at Lydalls Nursery School.

Parents who use the holiday club had already been informed that the Easter club would not be running.

If you need care during school holidays, there is a holiday club for children aged 4 and over at Willowcroft Primary School; <http://www.willowcroft.org.uk/holiday-clubs/>

Other holiday clubs in Didcot are available, including provision for three and four year olds, and are advertised on the Oxfordshire Family Information page; <https://fisd.oxfordshire.gov.uk/kb5/oxfordshire/directory/home.page>

## **Dates for diaries**

Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Easter School Holiday – Nursery &amp; Chameleon Club Closed</b>
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>INSET Day – Nursery &amp; Chameleon Club Closed</b>
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	New Children's Tea Party
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Bank Holiday - Nursery &amp; Chameleon Club Closed</b>
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Photographer in to take group photos
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Farm Visiting Lydalls
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	<b>May School Holiday – Nursery &amp; Chameleon Club Closed</b>
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Family Picnic 5 – 7pm
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Parent's Evening 4 – 6pm
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
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	First day of Term 1 2018-19