



Lydalls Nursery School and Chameleon Club newsletter – July 2018

Dear Parents and carers

There are a few messages and pieces of news that we needed to share with you so we've put together a final newsletter of the school year!

Tapestry – download photos by Friday 20th July

The online learning journey system, 'Tapestry' has been a great success this year. If your child is leaving us this term you can download photographs from your child's learning journey until Friday 20th July.

New teacher for September – Claire Pugh

As you already know, Sarah Phillips will be the Acting Headteacher at Lydalls in September. We are therefore very excited to tell you that the school has appointed a new teacher who will be joining us in September. Her name is Claire Pugh and she is a very experienced Early Years teacher who the team are looking forward to working with.

Claire will be spending the day with us on Wednesday 18th July so please say hello to her. I know that you will all make her feel very welcome in September.

Safety – car seats

A parent came to speak to me recently after seeing children arriving in cars at Nursery who were not strapped into car seats.

The law requires that all children travelling in the front or rear seat of any car, van or goods vehicle must use the correct child car seat until they are either 135 cm in height or 12 years old (whichever they reach first). After this they must use an adult seat belt. There are very few exceptions.

It is the driver's responsibility to ensure that children under the age of 14 years are restrained correctly in accordance with the law.

<http://www.childcarseats.org.uk/the-law/>

Not only is this a driving offence that is reportable to the Police, it is also a safeguarding concern because the safety of the child or children is not being put first by their parent. So please, please, please, use a car seat that is appropriate for your child.

Wednesday 18th July 'World Cup Cake Sale' – in memory of Pat Rush

Bring your cakes in to sell on Tuesday 17th July.

If you are able to resist temptation and help run the stall at the end of the morning or afternoon session on Wednesday 18th July please let me know!

Goodbye and Good luck

We hope that all our children and families who are moving on to new schools and settings have a really smooth transition. It has been lovely to work with you all.

This term we are also saying 'thank you' and 'goodbye' to one of our longest serving Governors, Nick Hards. The children sang songs to Nick when he made his last monitoring visit to Lydalls and we were able to give him a gift and a special card that the children had made. Nick has been an incredible Governor at Lydalls, offering support in tricky times and providing the challenge that enables a school to grow and succeed. He was involved in many staff appointments, several Ofsted inspections and we will all miss him.

We are also saying 'thank you' and 'goodbye' to Heather Buss and Kathy Jolley. They have worked with us as temporary Teaching Assistants this year and we are going to miss having such a reliable pairs of hands in the Nursery. Thank you, Heather and Kathy.

Rebecca's Celebration Day – Friday 20th July

On Friday 20th July we are having a celebration day with the children to say thank you to Rebecca and wish her well in her new job. We would really like it if you could join us for a special carpet time at 11am or 3pm when children will be singing some of their favourite songs for Rebecca.

Last day of the Summer Term

Nursery closes at 11.45am on Wednesday 25th July. There will be no afternoon nursery session however the Chameleon Club and 30 hour session is open as usual that day.

The last day of term for afternoon children is Tuesday 24th July.

Dates for diaries

Wednesday 18 th July	'World Cup Cake Sale' – in memory of Pat Rush
Friday 20 th July	Tapestry photo download deadline
Friday 20 th July	Rebecca's celebration day – parents are invited to join us during carpet time at 11am or 3pm.
Wednesday 25 th July	Last day of term 6 – Nursery Closes at 11.45am Chameleon Club and 30 hour session open as usual
4 th & 5 th September	INSET Days – Lydalls Closed
Thursday 6 th September	First day of Term 1 2018-19
22 nd – 26 th October	Half Term – Lydalls Closed
Monday 29 th October	INSET Day – Lydalls Closed
24 th Dec – 4 th January	Christmas Holiday – Lydalls Closed
Monday 7 th January	INSET Days – Lydalls Closed
18 th – 22 nd February	Half Term – Lydalls Closed
8 th – 22 nd April	Easter Holiday – Lydalls Closed
Tuesday 23 rd April	INSET Day – Lydalls Closed
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday – Lydalls Closed
27 th – 31 st May	Half Term – Lydalls Closed
Wednesday 24 th July	Last day of term 6

We hope that everyone enjoys a happy and safe Summer holiday.