

Lydalls Nursery School and Chameleon Club newsletter – December 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

As Christmas quickly approaches, we are all enjoying the festive season here at Lydalls. The children are working hard at learning their Christmas songs to share with you at the Christmas party and there are many exciting Christmas themed learning experiences happening all around the nursery. On behalf of all the Lydalls team I would like to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas time.



Staff News

Claire Pugh our temporary teacher is leaving Lydalls at the end of the year. We would like to thank Claire for all her hard work and we wish her all the best for the future.

If your child is in Claire's group in the morning, or with Claire as part of the Gecko group in the afternoon (Monday to Wednesday), your child's wellbeing as they transition to a new key person is very important to us. In the morning, Claire's group will be taken over by Claire-Louise Hayward: she is a member of staff already known to the children and we will begin to prepare children for this change in the final weeks of term. We are currently advertising for a new teacher. This will help us decide who is best to be the key person for the Gecko group on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon and we will let you know as soon as we have made this decision. Please be assured that whenever there is a change in staffing, your child's wellbeing is at the centre of our decision making and we will manage this transition very carefully.

In January we are excited to welcome two new members of staff. Angela Turner will be working in the office as our new administrator and Karen King is our new teaching assistant. Karen will be working in the 2 year old base and taking over from Steph as a key person in the morning and will be assisting in the nursery in the afternoon. Steph will be moving back into the nursery in the mornings as a key person. Karen will be making visits to nursery to get to know you and your children in the next few weeks to ensure a positive transition for your child.

I would like to thank Lisa, Joanne and Sam for their commitment in stepping into the administrator role this term.

Cornerstone Theatre Trip – Tuesday 11th December

Please make sure you have returned your permission slip for this performance of 'The Pied Piper'.

The theatre have given us an updated finish time. The performance will finish at 12pm in the morning and 3pm in the afternoon. This is half an hour later than we had first shared with you.



Children need to be at the theatre at 9.45am or 12.45pm. Please take your child to the toilet before registering them with their group leader. When collecting your children after the performance, please allow the staff space to gather the children together in their groups and to carefully hand over children back to their parent/carer one at a time.

Christmas Party Day – Thursday 20th December

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

- 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

- 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

30 Hours Children

- Sessions will run as usual for 30 hour children if you need all day childcare on party day.
- Children staying all day will not need a lunch box as they will be enjoying lovely party food!
- However if you would like to come for the party only, come to the one in which your child would be with their primary key person (e.g. Joanne in the afternoon or Lucy in the morning) and not when they are usually in the Gecko's group.

Chameleon Club 2 Year Olds

- 2 year olds will have their own party and then join us for party food in the main nursery.
- We feel 2 year olds are a little young to be 'performing' the Christmas songs, however we would like for their parents/carers to come and sit with them in some reserved seating so that they can join in with this experience.
- If your 2 year old does not attend nursery on Thursdays, but you would like to join in with party day, we would really like for you to bring them along to the party tea at 11.15am or 2.15pm in the main nursery and then to join in with the Christmas singing. Please note, that you will need to stay with your child.

Christmas Bazaar – Friday 7th December

We are very much looking forward to our Christmas Bazaar this Friday. I would like to thank everyone for all their support and kind donations and the staff for all their hard work. A very special thank you to Claire-Louise Hayward for organising this wonderful festive event.



Parent's Evening – Monday 10th December

If you have not already done so, please do sign up for a parent's evening time slot – group sheets are up on the office door. This is an opportunity for you to discuss your child's learning and progress with their group leader.

Break-In

The nursery was unfortunately broken into on the weekend of December 1st. Three iPads and two tablet computers were stolen. Due to our stringent safety measures, there was no identifying data on these items, however a few photos of children, which had not yet been uploaded to Tapestry were on the devices. We have been advised this cannot identify children as no names or other information was with the photos, however if you are worried, please

come and speak to me. The police have advised us to share that if you see or hear anything suspicious regarding this matter, to call the police non-emergency number 101 or contact CrimeStoppers anonymously:

<https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 14th December

Please join us in raising money for Save the Children on this day. Children are welcome to wear Christmas clothing and donate to a good cause!



Dates for diaries

A reminder that nursery closes for all children at 11.45 on Friday 21st December. We re-open on Tuesday 8th January and look forward to hearing all about your Christmas break when we come back. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all!

Friday 7 th December	Christmas Bazaar 4-5.30pm
Monday 10 th December	Parents Evening 4-6pm
Tuesday 11 th December	Cornerstone theatre trip for nursery children. Timings TBC. There will be no morning or afternoon session at nursery: children will need to be dropped off at and collected from Cornerstones. Chameleon Club and 30 hour session open as usual.
Thursday 20 th December	Christmas Parties (timings TBC). Chameleon Club and 30 hour session open as usual
Friday 21 st December	Last Day of Autumn Term – Lydalls closes at 11.45am
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Monday 24 th December – Friday 4 th January	Christmas Holiday – Lydalls Closed
Monday 7 th January	INSET Day – Lydalls Closed
Tuesday 8 th January	Start of Spring Term
Monday 18 th – Friday 22 nd February	February Half Term Holiday – Lydalls Closed
Friday 5 th April	Last Day of Spring Term – Lydalls closes at 11.45am
Monday 8 th – Friday 22 nd April	Easter Holidays – Lydalls Closed
Tuesday 23 rd April	INSET Day – Lydalls Closed
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday – Lydalls Closed
Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st May	May Half Term Holiday – Lydalls Closed
Wednesday 24 th July	Last Day of Summer Term – Lydalls closes at 11.45am