

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year. I hope you all had a wonderful summer break and enjoyed the lovely sunny days. I would like to extend an especially warm welcome to our new children and their families who started with us this term. If you haven't yet had a chance, do pop by my office and say hello.



Parent Governor Elections

We are pleased to announce, that following Parent Governor Elections, Nicki Wood was re-elected to the role. Nicki was the only candidate to come forward for election and we are delighted she has been reappointed to the governing board.

Breakfast Club

We have spaces in our breakfast club each morning.

Children can come every morning, on regular days each week or as a one off session (subject to availability) and have a healthy breakfast with their friends. Breakfast club opens at 8am before nursery each day and meets in the Chameleon Club base. For more details or to enrol your child, please ask at the office.



Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Instead of a 'Macmillan Coffee Morning', we will be having a 'Macmillan Coffee Afternoon'! Please come and join us from 4pm-5pm on Monday 30th September



Brexit

We have been asked to make you aware that parents or carers of pupils who are EU, EEA or Swiss citizens, need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue living in the UK after 2020.

Find out more information here:

<https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>

Outdoor Days



We will be holding regular outdoor days this term. During these days we will be taking children to our 'nature garden' to learn and explore in this natural environment. The garden is within nursery grounds (it is the land which backs onto the car park).

We will let you know each week if there will be an outdoor day and ask for your help to make sure children have all they need to be ready for this day (for example, that they have their wellies on).

We encourage children to bring a pair of wellies to school every day (we do have some spares). If children arrive at nursery wearing their wellies, please make sure they have a spare pair of dry shoes to put on.

Whilst we encourage children to play outside in all weathers and believe in the mantra 'there is no such thing as bad weather, just bad clothing', we are planning outdoor days to take account of the weather that week. This is because we do not want children to have to wait too long whilst adults help them change out of wet clothes once we all come inside. We will therefore aim for dryer days and plan at the start of each week when we will have an 'outdoor day'. Children will still have access to wet play in our main garden on other days.

Research has shown that spending time outdoors helps children develop their self-belief, confidence, learning capacity, enthusiasm, communication, problem-solving skills and emotional well-being.

Volunteer at Lydalls

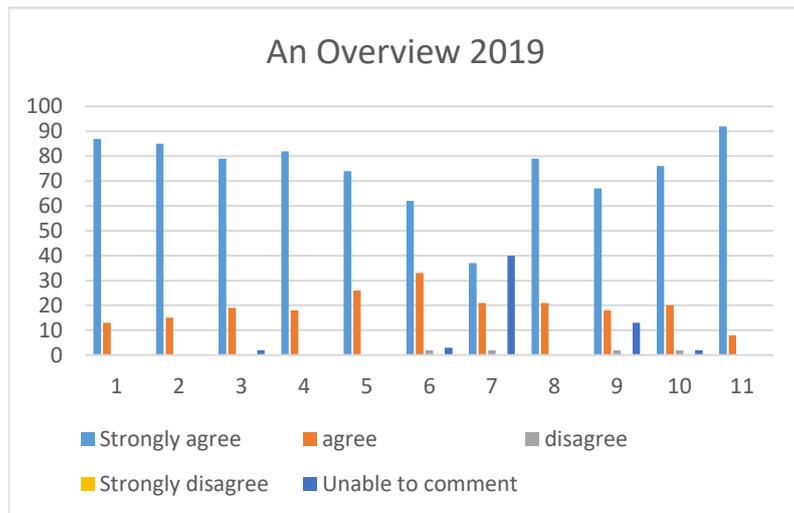
Would you like to come and help in the nursery? We are looking for 'Sofa Superheroes' to come and read books with the children and 'Maths Magicians' to come and play maths games. Please come and speak to a member of staff by Friday 4th October if you would like to get involved!

Volunteers Needed



Parent Questionnaire

We were delighted with the results of last summer's parent questionnaire. Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond.



1. My child is happy at Nursery
2. My child feels safe at Nursery
3. My child makes good progress at this Nursery
4. My child is well looked after at this Nursery
5. My child is taught well at Nursery
6. The Nursery ensures children are well behaved
7. The Nursery deals effectively with bullying
8. The Nursery is well managed
9. The Nursery responds well to any concerns I raise
10. I receive valuable information about my child's progress
11. I would recommend this Nursery to another parent

We value your feedback and appreciate your assistance in helping us to continually make improvements to our school. As a result of the parent questionnaire here are some next steps we will be taking:

To help families know more about how we support children with their behaviour and deal with unkind behaviour, I have added copies of our behaviour policy to the entrance hall for you to take. This policy is also available on our website: <https://www.lydallsnurseryschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Behaviour-Policy-2018.pdf>

Look out for future behaviour themed workshops at school and with our Home School Link Worker.

Dates For Your Diary

Key dates for this term:

- 30th September 4pm-5pm: Macmillan Coffee Afternoon
- 15th November – Photographer in taking individual photos
- 6th December 4pm-5.30-pm: Christmas Bazaar
- 9th December 4pm-6pm: Parent's Evening
- 17th December: Theatre trip to Cornerstones for nursery aged children. Nursery will be open as usual for 30 hours children and 2 Year Olds, but closed to all other sessions due to the trip.
- 18th December: Christmas Parties. Join us at 12pm and 3pm to hear children sing their Christmas songs.
- 19th December: Last day of autumn term. Lydalls closes at 11.45.

For a full list of dates, please visit our website:
<https://www.lydallsnurseryschool.co.uk/term-dates/>

Staff News

Heather, one of our afternoon Teaching Assistants, is currently off work due to a long term illness. I am sure you would like to join us in wishing her a speedy recovery.

Tags for Bags!

We will be making a tag for each child to attach to their bag which will have their photo on it. We will not add your child's name, simply a photo. This is to help both staff and children identify children's bags during the nursery day.



Water Bottle Labels



Please make sure your child's bottle is clearly labelled with their name in a place on the bottle where children can read it quickly and easily. It is also a good idea to add a little picture or doodle to help children identify which bottle is theirs. If you forget your child's water bottle please tell their key person when you drop them off.

Communication

Here are some ways in which you can keep in touch and up to date with all the latest Lydalls news and information:



Tapestry – This is your child's online Learning Journey. Log in to see what they have been learning at nursery and to upload your own photos and observations.



Parentmail – sign up to receive newsletters, group planning, letters and other notifications (for example, on the rare occasions when we need to close the school). The school is able to send emails and texts through this service.

Download the app from your app store for even easier access!



Facebook – Follow us on Facebook for information, ideas and links.

Christmas Bazaar

We will soon be asking for help and donations for our Christmas Bazaar. Please look out for posters in the entrance hall.

