

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the start of the new academic year. It has been wonderful to see all your children back at Lydalls again following the summer holidays and to welcome new children and their families to our school. My door is always open, please feel free to drop by and talk to me any time.

### Forest School

Forest School sessions will begin again for children in the main nursery the week beginning 25.09.23.

We have launched our new handbook. Please see page 11 for further information about Forest School, including what to bring and where to drop your child off on a Forest School day.

Allocated Forest School Sessions:

- Monday mornings: Sally and Lucy's morning groups.
- Monday afternoons: Sally and Joanne's afternoon groups.
- Friday mornings: Claire- Lousie and Steph T's morning groups.



### New Children's Tea Party

We are holding a new children's tea party for all children who are new to Lydalls this term.

New children and their families will be given a party invitation.

The party takes place here at Lydalls on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 4pm-4.45pm.

It would be lovely to see as many of you as possible. If you can do so, please let the office know that you plan to come to the new children's tea party. This helps us decide how much party food to buy and reduces food waste. However, you are also more than welcome to just turn up on the day.



### Headteacher welcome meeting for new parents and carers



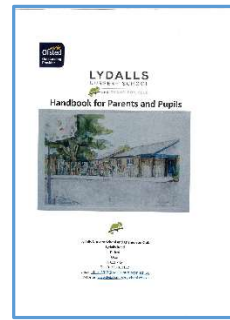
On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm I will be hosting a welcome meeting for families new to nursery this term.

There will be a presentation from the headteacher with lots of information about your child's time at Lydalls.

This meeting will be virtual, and I will write to you all using Parentmail to share the link you will need to join the meeting.

If you are not a new parent but missed the previous meeting, please feel free to join us.

### New Handbook



We have put together a new Lydalls handbook for parents and pupils. Please do take a look and familiarise yourself with all our essential school information.

We have sent out the handbook to all families via Parentmail and it will soon be available on our website too.

We gave out hard copies of the handbook during new children's welcome visits. If anyone else would like a printed copy of the handbook, please come and ask at the office.

### New Curriculum

We are thrilled to launch our new curriculum this term. Please follow [this link](#) to our website where you will find our new curriculum goals and curriculum policy.



## New Staff

We are excited to welcome Kate and Shobi to the Lydalls team this term.

Kate joins Steph T as a key person in the 2-year-old base in the afternoons. Shobi joins us as full-time teaching assistant.

I am sure you will join me in extending a very warm Lydalls welcome to them both.

## Sun Safe

The weather continues to be hot and sunny.

Our policy is that children should be brought to nursery wearing suncream from April through to October. Please let us know if you forget – we have some bottles you can borrow.

Please also remember to bring children to nursery in tops which cover their shoulders.

Thank you!



## Dates for Your Diary

2023

- Monday 25th September: New Parents Evening (Virtual) 6.00pm
- Monday 2nd October: New Children's Tea Party 4.00-4.45pm
- Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October 2023: 1/2 Term – Lydalls Closed
- Monday 20th November: Parents Evening 4-6pm
- Friday 1st December: Christmas Bazaar
- Monday 18th December: Cornerstone Christmas Production (main nursery school children only)
- Wednesday 20th December Last Day Autumn Term – Lydalls Closes at 11.45am
- Thursday 21st December 2023 to Friday 5th January: Christmas Holiday – Lydalls Closed

2024

- Monday 8th January: INSET Day – Lydalls Closed
- Tuesday 9th January: Lydalls reopens for Spring Term
- Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February: 1/2 Term – Lydalls Closed
- Monday 18th March: Parent's Evening 4-6pm
- Thursday 28th March: Last Day Spring Term – Lydalls Closes at 11.45am
- Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April: Easter Holiday – Lydalls Closed
- Monday 15th April: Lydalls reopens for Summer Term
- Monday 6th May: Bank Holiday – Lydalls Closed
- Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May: 1/2 Term – Lydalls Closed
- Friday 5th July: Family picnic
- Wednesday 24th July: Last Day Summer Term – Lydalls Closes at 11.45am
- Thursday 25th July to Friday 30th August: Summer Holiday – Lydalls Closed

## Tapestry

We love to see what children have learning at home. You can add your photos and videos to Tapestry to share with us. We are talking about what we did during the summer in nursery at the moment. If you add a few pictures, it really helps children share their news with their friends. If you need help uploading to Tapestry, please [click here](#).



## Curiosity Cuboid!

We have a lockable Perspex cube in the nursery, into which we add interesting items which are not suitable for children to handle during the session but are very interesting to look at and spark conversations and questions. Recent additions to the cuboid include a snake's skin and hatched eggs. Do you have something for the cube? Perhaps an old wasp or birds nest, something mechanical such an old phone or radio, or something else you feel would be interesting for children to explore. If you are celebrating and have more delicate items to share, these could also be added into the cube as the year progresses. Please come and talk to us if you think you can help.

