

LYDALLS

NURSERY SCHOOL



and CHAMELEON CLUB

June 2016 newsletter

Summer weather

Well we seem to be experiencing a typical British Summer, warm and muggy!

Please can I remind everyone that children need to be wearing a high factor sunscreen when they come to Nursery.



We do have sunscreen at Nursery which we use to re-apply to our 'all day' children at lunchtime. If you have forgotten to apply sunscreen to your child you may use this but only in the case of an emergency please!

Children's shoulders also need to be covered when they are at Nursery to keep them safe in the sun.

Our outdoor area

Developing our garden area at Nursery has been an ongoing project over the last few years but over the last few months we have really seen the fruits of the labour of the Nursery team and parent volunteers. The garden is looking great!



The growing area that we have developed with the children has been a wonderful addition to our outdoor learning provision. The children are genuinely fascinated by the day to day changes that they can see and are very protective over and responsible for the care of the plants as they grow.

We now have a 'sand kitchen' and an area has been prepared for a mud kitchen. We are just waiting for the ground to soften so that we can dig the area out. Particular thanks goes to Shaun Fathers, who has been endlessly patient with making and fixing bits of equipment as they arrive.

Mark making opportunities have been developed with the addition of a whiteboard outside along with a 'writing shed'. We also have some lovely new wooden blocks to inspire creative play.

Thanks also to everyone who made and bought cakes at our recent cake sale. Julie Vokins is buying a wind chime feature which the children will really enjoy when the seasons turn.

Holiday club at Chameleon Club

Holiday club is open for all children from 3 to 5 years of age. It is run by Annie and her team and will be open during the Summer holidays.



Holiday club forms and more information about holiday club is available online at www.lydallsnurseryschool.co.uk and in the school office.

Health and safety

We have lots of health and safety features at Lydalls that help to keep the building nice and secure. As you know, we change the code on the gate from time to time to help this. Please can I ask you not to let people in if you don't recognise them and also not to let older siblings use the keypad.

Our wooden main doors to the reception area are going to be replaced in the Summer holidays with heavier aluminium ones.

Sainsburys vouchers

Thanks to everyone who brought in Sainsburys vouchers. Sally Oxley took charge of this and used them to order a CD player for the Nursery. This arrived last week and is now installed in our Listening Post area and children are enjoying using it independently.

Summer family picnic



The annual Summer family picnic will take place on Friday 8th July 5.30 - 7pm. Look out for posters with more information.

As always, offers of help to organise events are always very much appreciated.

Tickets are £1 per person and will be available from the office next week.

Is your child leaving Lydalls this Summer?

When your child has their transition visit with Nursery staff we will ask you to meet us at their new Primary School and handover to us there. You will also need to be able to pick your child up from their new school at the end of the transition visit.

Please note that because of staffing needs in the Nursery it may not be your child's key person who accompanies them on their visit to their new Primary School.

Dates are displayed on the whiteboard outside the Nursery.

September 2017 – 30 hours childcare for working families

You may already be aware that the Government will be extending the number of hours of free childcare for 3 and 4 year olds for working families from 15 hours to 30 hours in September 2017.

To help us prepare for the changes and to understand likely local demand and needs we are asking families to complete the attached survey. Hard copies of these are also available in the office.

Please complete the survey even if your child is leaving Lydalls and return it to the office by Friday 1st July 2016.

Notice from our School Uniform Provider

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**School Uniform
Order Deadline!**
Friday 12th
August 2016

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Place your order by
Friday 12th August
2016 for back to
school delivery.
**DON'T LEAVE
IT TOO LATE!**
**ACT NOW
BEAT THE
RUSH!**
Visit your local store
or order online at:
pmgschoolwear.co.uk

Avoid disappointment! Order your son/daughter's uniform online or visit the store **NOW!** Do NOT leave it until the last moment. Remember after 12th August 2016 we cannot guarantee to have stock in time for when your child goes back to school. We don't want to let you down so help us to help you!

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Please remember that uniform is not compulsory and is just down to personal preference.

Dates for your diaries

Friday 8 th July	Summer Family Picnic
Monday 11 th July	New Parents Evening 6-7pm (Children starting in September)
Wednesday 20 th July	Last day of Term 6 – Nursery Closes at 11.45am <i>Chameleon Club is open as usual</i>
Thursday 21 st July – Wednesday 31 st August	Summer School Holiday – Nursery Closed <i>Chameleon Club Holiday Club will be running at Lydalls 21st July – 23rd August</i>
Thurs 1 st & Friday 2 nd September	INSET Days – Nursery & Chameleon Club Closed
Mon 5 th September	Start of Term 1 2016-17

Find us on

We have a school Facebook page 'Lydalls Nursery School and Chameleon Club, Didcot'

Included:

- 30 hours childcare for working families survey – Return date Friday 1st July