

Lydalls Nursery School and Chameleon Club newsletter – November 2016

After a long and glorious Autumn, Winter has arrived all of a sudden. This newsletter contains all the essential information that you need as we get ready for the end of term and Christmas.

Groundforce morning – a thank you

Thank you to everyone who helped at the recent Groundforce gardening morning. The outdoor area looks a lot tidier and more welcoming. The Winter flowering pansies are brightening the darker days and the children are thoroughly enjoying the new mud kitchen area.



Chameleon Club news

After almost 10 years working at Lydalls, Kate Winchcombe has decided that it is time to explore new challenges. Kate currently runs our tea club but over the years she has worked with many children in Chameleon Club as their first key person. She will be missed by all of us but we wish her well. Keep in touch, Kate.

Safety Reminder



Hopefully you have noticed the new and improved safety signs that we have around nursery. Please can we ask all parents and carers to be extremely vigilant around the doors and gates to and from nursery. Please do not hold or leave doors and gates open and check that other children are not tail-gating you as you leave the building. You will now all know the gate code has changed. Please do not share the gate code with anybody else including your children. We appreciate your assistance and support with this.

Getting ready for our Christmas Bazaar

The Lydalls Nursery School Christmas Bazaar is on Friday 2nd December 2016 between 3pm to 6.00pm.

At the moment we are collecting clean glass jars with lids. We are asking parents and carers to take a jar, decorate it and fill it with sweets for us to sell at our Christmas Bazaar.

Please leave donated jars at reception and take one to fill!

We will also be asking for donations of homemade cakes for our cake stall. Please bring these to school on Thursday 1st December.

Raffle tickets are now on sale at £1 each with the amazing prize of the famous 'Lydalls Christmas Hamper'. This contains all the goodies to make your festivities go with a swing including Prosecco, Mulled wine, a Christmas pudding, a Pannetone, cheese biscuits and the list goes on.

If you are able to help on the day, please sign up in reception.

Applying for Primary School - Children who were born between 1.9.2012 and 31.8.2013

Children who were born between 1.9.2012 and 31.8.2013 will be able to start Primary School in September 2017.

Now is a good time to contact local Primary Schools to ask to look around because you will get an idea of how Reception classes feel at the beginning of the school year. Our advice is to visit without your child in the first instance.

All parents must apply to Oxfordshire County Council for a school place between October 2016 and 15th January 2017. This can be done online. You will not receive any forms from Oxfordshire County Council through the post. Please note that applications are not on a 'first come, first served' basis but if you do not apply by the 15th January 2017 you are less likely to receive a place at your school of choice.

The Oxfordshire County Council website is full of advice, guidance and information, including a very useful online distance calculator that shows which schools are closest to your home.

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/admissions-primary-infant-and-junior-schools>

Tuesday 13th December: Cornerstones 'Emily Brown and the Thing'



We are asking for a voluntary contribution of at least £3.50 per child to support this educational visit. Tickets cost £8; 'Friends of Lydalls' will contribute towards this visit. Please send payment to the office in an envelope marked Cornerstone and your child's name and could any donations paid by cheques be made payable to 'Friends of Lydalls'. Please complete the slip at the end of this letter and return with your contribution. A hard copy of this can be collected from the office.

(Unfortunately this production is not suitable for children in the younger Chameleon Club 2 year old base).

Morning children and full time children

- Please take your child to Cornerstones theatre to arrive at 10.15am. Your child's group leader will be ready to meet them there.
- Please collect your child from their group leader outside Cornerstones at 11.30am

If your child attends breakfast club on a Tuesday morning we will walk them up to Cornerstones

If your child has a Chameleon Club session we will walk them back to Nursery

Afternoon children

- Please take your child to Cornerstones theatre to arrive at 1.15pm. Your child's group leader will be ready to meet them there.
- Please collect your child from their group leader outside Cornerstones at 2.30pm

If your child has attended a Chameleon Club lunch session we will walk them up to Cornerstones

If your child has a Chameleon Club session we will walk them back to Nursery

THERE ARE NO OTHER NURSERY SESSIONS RUNNING ON THIS DAY

Thursday 15th December: Christmas Party Day

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 and full time 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

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Friday 16th December



Nursery closes for Christmas at 11.45am

THERE ARE NO AFTERNOON NURSERY SESSIONS
(Chameleon Club is open as usual)

Monday 19th until Thursday 22nd December: Christmas holiday club



Chameleon Club are running a Christmas holiday club for families who require childcare over the holiday period.

Sessions are between 8.30am and 5.30pm

This will be for children aged between 3 and 5 years of age. Please ask Annie or at the office for further details.

Facebook and School Website

Don't forget to look at our school website. It contains all sorts of useful information about the school including school policies as well as links to websites that may be of support or interest to families of young children.

www.lydallsnurseryschool.co.uk

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

Dates for diaries

Wednesday 30 th November	Deadline for photo orders via Lydalls
Friday 2 nd December	Lydalls Christmas Fair 3pm – 6pm
Wednesday 7 th December	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 13 th December	Trip to Cornerstone – Nursery Closed Chameleon Club open as usual
Thursday 15 th December	Christmas Parties – Nursery Closed Chameleon Club open as usual
Friday 16 th December	Christmas Jumper Day – Nursery Closes 11.45am Chameleon Club open as usual
Monday 19 th Dec – Monday 2 nd January	Christmas School Holiday – Nursery Closed Chameleon Club Holiday Club will be running at Lydalls 19 th – 23 rd December
Tuesday & Wednesday 3 rd & 4 th January	INSET Day – Nursery & Chameleon Club Closed
Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th February	February School Holiday – Nursery Closed Chameleon Club Holiday Club will be running at Lydalls
Monday 10 th April – Friday 21 st April	Easter School Holiday – Nursery Closed Chameleon Club Holiday Club will be running at Lydalls 10 th – 13 th April and 18 th – 21 st April
Monday 24 th April	INSET Day – Nursery & Chameleon Club Closed
Monday 1 st May	Bank Holiday - Nursery & Chameleon Club Closed
Monday 29 th May – Friday 2 nd June	May School Holiday – Nursery Closed Chameleon Club Holiday Club will be running at Lydalls 30 th May – 2 nd June
Friday 21 st July	Last day of term 6 – Nursery Closes at 11.45am Chameleon Club is open as usual



Trip to Cornerstone Theatre to see

'Emily Brown and the Thing'

Tuesday 13th December 2016

I give my permission for _____ to attend the "Emily Brown and the Thing" production at Cornerstone Theatre on Tuesday 13th December.

Please tick the box which applies to your child

• **Morning and Full Time Groups**

I will bring my child to meet Lydalls Staff at Cornerstone at 10.15am and collect my child from the theatre at 11.30am.

My child will need to be taken to Cornerstone from Chameleon Club and I will collect my child from the theatre at 11.30am.

I will bring my child to meet Lydalls Staff at Cornerstone at 10.15am and my child will need to be walked back to Chameleon Club by Lydalls staff after the performance.

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• **Afternoon Groups**

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I am sorry but _____ is unable to go on this trip.

I enclose a voluntary contribution of £ _____
(Please make cheques payable to 'Friends of Lydalls')

Signed _____ Parent/Guardian Date _____