

May 2017 Newsletter

Summer weather - sunscreen

After a glorious Easter holiday we seem to be having a very mixed start to our British Summer this year! Let's hope that the weather starts to become a little more consistent and warm up soon.

When the weather does get warmer we ask that all children come to school wearing a high factor sunscreen, t-shirts that cover their shoulders and that they bring a named sunhat.

If your child attends all day we will apply Nursery sunscreen to them after lunch. Our Nursery sunscreen is Nivea sun kids protect and sensitive sun spray factor 50+.

If your child has sensitive skin we ask that you bring in a named bottle of sunscreen.



30 hours for 3 and 4 year olds

From September 2017 Lydalls Nursery will be offering a limited number of '30 hour' places to eligible children and families.

All children at Lydalls will be entitled to receive a morning or an afternoon place in the Nursery school, attending Monday to Friday. This 15 hours is known as Universal funding. The 'universal' offer at Lydalls hasn't changed and is offered either as a morning or afternoon space.

Where additional hours are offered these will be to 'top up' a morning or an afternoon Nursery place in our integrated daycare during term time. Additional hours will be offered using the Oxfordshire County Council Nursery School Admissions Policy.

Please bear with us through all of this. The 30 hour offer is a completely new venture for all settings and schools across England so there are bound to be a few hiccups along the way.

Transition to Primary School

This term is the last term at Lydalls for most of our oldest children. Most families seem happy with the school place that has been allocated to them which is very positive indeed.

Primary Schools in the Didcot Area Partnership have very well planned arrangements for transition. The school that your child is going to will send you details of how they manage this and dates for your diary.

We start to talk to the children about 'big school' after the Summer half term holiday.

In the week beginning 26th June we plan to have some short group times where the children will be sitting with the other children who will also be going to their new school. We have asked Primary Schools to send us photographs of their learning environments, key people and places. We have also asked the Primary Schools to give us some examples of the school uniform that children will be wearing. We will be talking about these with the children at this time.

We know that lots of parents also like to know which other children will be going to school with their child. After half term we will therefore put up lists in the Reception area where we have your permission to share this information.

If you have any questions about transition please do not hesitate to talk to your child's key person or myself.

Goodbye to Sue the cook

It was with sadness that I recently shared the news that we will no longer be able to provide hot school meals at Lydalls in September.

We will be saying goodbye to Sue Dodd at the end of the Summer term. Sue has been cooking school dinners at Lydalls for over 20 years and over the years her culinary skills have successfully coaxed some fussy young eaters into trying new food! We are all going to really miss Sue and we will want to make saying goodbye a very special occasion.

Health and Safety - Reminders

- Thank you to everyone who very kindly brings in materials for model making. Please note that due to allergies, intolerances and health reasons we cannot use any of the following:
 - Egg boxes
 - Detergent containers
 - Toilet rolls
 - Boxes that have had nuts in them (Crunchy Nut Cornflakes, Fruit and Fibre etc)
 - Milk containers
 - Medication boxes and packaging
- Please be vigilant about closing the door to Reception and the gate to Lydalls Road
- Please don't hold the gates open for anyone you don't know. Our security code is there to keep everyone safe

Holiday club



Chameleon Club will be running a holiday club for children aged 3 to 5 years at Lydalls during the Summer half term holiday.

Forms are available to download from our website www.lydallsnurseryschool.co.uk

Future holiday club dates are as follows;

- Spring : 30th May – 2nd June 2017
- Summer : 24th July – 24th August 2017
- Autumn : 23rd – 27th October 2017
- Christmas : 20th – 22nd December 2017

Dates for diaries

Friday 19 th May	Photographer in to take group photos
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
Monday 26 th June	Transition preparation week for children moving to Primary School in September
Friday 30 th June	Family Picnic
Monday 10 th July	Parent's Evening
Friday 21 st July	Last day of term 6 – Nursery Closes at 11.45am Chameleon Club is open as usual