



Lydiard Millicent After School Club

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Dear all,

Welcome back to Lydiard Millicent After School Club. We hope you have all had a great summer, have taken some time off work and we look forward to seeing you in the new autumn term.

The staff would like to say thank you to all the parents and children who brought gifts, cards and kind words at the end of the summer term. These were very much appreciated.



Since the last newsletter we have said goodbye to Evan Marsh-Ballard and Ella Voss who have moved on to 'big school'. Also, we have said goodbye to Sue Gleeson, deputy manager, who has moved on to complete her teacher training qualification.

We are welcoming Cindy Humphries, our new deputy manager and Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator to the club. Additionally, we are about to welcome several new children including Charley Murphy, Taran Grewal, George Trinder, Fyn Fullarton and Freya Kayani to the after school club this term.

We are also pleased to announce that the after school club is growing in popularity and therefore we have employed a fourth member of staff, Mitchell Dunlop, which some children and parents will know from Pre-School to work on a Monday and a Wednesday to meet unprecedented demand. Spaces on a Tuesday and Thursday are also very limited at the moment. If you need an extra session please can you try to let the after school club know in advance so that we can organise additional staffing for these days? Thank you. If you are flexible with your working hours then Fridays are always our quietest day

and additional hours can usually be accommodated easily.

Over the last term I am sure that you will have noticed that we have invested in a large amount of outdoor equipment including a basketball net, balls, scooters, and various other equipment. If you have any suggestions as to what your child might like to play with at after school club please place a comment in the suggestions box next to the register.

During the next few weeks children will again have the opportunity to sign up for after school clubs such as football and rugby. Please can you let the after school club know if your child is going to be attending one of these clubs so that we can collect them at the right time. Children forget to tell us that they are doing an after school club and this results in us putting our lost child policy in to practice if we have not been informed.

Last term we were able to take the children on some additional visits to the park because no children attended after school clubs on certain days. If this proves to be the case again then we will try to organise some additional off site activities again this term.

Also, please remember to let us know if your child will not be attending the club and the reason for this. There has been a new Ofsted guideline introduced over the summer and we now need to monitor and record non-attendance as it relates to safeguarding. Therefore, if we do not know why a child has not attended then a record will be made in our child protection file.

Our next committee meeting is on Tuesday 29th September at 6pm. We would love to see more parents attend and everybody is welcome. The club is ran by parents for parents and this is when

the decision making happens. If you would like to a part of this then come along...

Fundraising...as a club ran by working parents for working parents we know that time is precious which is why we never ask parents to give up extra time to raise funds for the club. However, have you heard about easyfundraising.org.uk? By shopping online through them and selecting Lydiard Millicent After School Club as the beneficiary, which costs you no extra, we receive a percentage of everything that you spend.

Do you want to know what we have been up to at the after school club? We have a blog which I try to update regularly. Check in on lydiardmillicentafterschoolclub.org.uk to see our latest activities.

AOB: Please keep Caroline up to date with any changes to your email address so that you continue to receive ASC correspondence.

Have you changed your telephone number, either home or mobile or moved house recently? Please can you let the club know? We are not always able to contact parents on the emergency contact numbers that we are given. Could we get hold of you at all times if we needed to? Please book last minute places (any time the same day) via 01793 772981 as we cannot guarantee that emails will be read before after school club starts.

Kind regards

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