



## Lydiard Millicent After School Club

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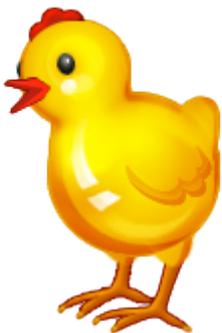
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Dear all,

And yet another term goes by at the after school club. We hope you had a good Easter break and welcome you to the next, very short 5 week term.

The highlight of last term for the children was undoubtedly the hatching of the chicks and I am pleased to say these have all gone to permanent homes via staff and parents.

We plan to continue along this theme with quail hatching in the first term as they only take 17 days to hatch and then duck hatching in the summer term (28 days). If you or someone you know would like to give these chicks a good home when they are a few weeks old please let a member of staff know asap and we will add you to the reservation list.



Unfortunately, at the end of last term we said goodbye to Diana after many years of working at the club. Diana's

endless creative ideas were welcomed by the children and she will be missed. However, I am pleased to announce that Sue Gleeson, a school parent and pre-school staff member has recently joined the team and will be working at the club on Tuesdays.

As the nicer weather approaches we are hoping to be able to take the children out for trips in the local community such as to the local playpark near chestnut springs and Lydiard park. Obviously, because of the staggered collection times it would be necessary to collect your children from these locations instead of the after school club. Please could you let Caroline know if you are unable to collect from these locations so that we do not plan trips on these days. We hope to be able to give several days notice beforehand but it really is a case of waiting for good weather and then acting quickly.

The children have been enjoying the den building resources and scooters we have recently purchased. We would like to add to these with more tarpaulins, camouflage nets, child sized army clothing and possibly some small tents. Do you have anything that you no longer use that you could donate?

Additionally, we would love to have a basketball post/ net in the garden for team games. If you know anyone who could donate one or sell it to the club for a small fee please could you let a member of staff know?



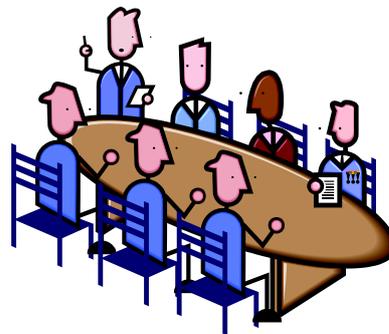
You will shortly receive an annual questionnaire to ask you about your experiences of using the after school club. The responses are used to consider making changes to the club. For example, the introduction of a 1 hour session from 3-4pm. They also tell the staff team what they are doing well and what could be better. However, disappointingly, last year we only received one completed questionnaire from all our families. Please, please could you spend a few minutes completing one this year? All completed questionnaires will be entered into a draw to win one free session at the after school club.

Please remember that whilst the next term is short, only 5 weeks with 2 bank holidays the following term is very long, 8 weeks, and it can feel expensive when invoices are received. The after school club can arrange alternative payment

plans if necessary. Please contact Caroline to discuss this in confidence.

Our next committee meeting is on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm for approximately one hour. Please feel free to join us as the club is run by parents for parents and this is when decisions affecting the club are made.

Also, our annual general meeting is being held at 5pm on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July. Please consider joining the committee. It really doesn't require a lot of time and the club cannot run without a committee. Committee members are notoriously difficult to enlist because the nature of the club means that everybody is already busy working. If you could offer a few hours per year we would be very grateful and you also have the opportunity to influence key decisions in the future.



We look forward to working with you over the coming term.