



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 Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the new term.

Firstly, can I start by saying thank you for all of the good wishes, Christmas cards and presents that were kindly given to the staff at the end of term. Also, I hope that your children enjoyed the Christmas gift from the after school club.

Sadly, during the last term we said goodbye to Leigh who worked at the club on Wednesdays and Thursdays. She is now working in a school as the hours suit her family much better than late afternoons/ evenings. I am pleased to say that Sue Gleeson, who worked on Tuesdays is now working on Wednesdays and Thursdays as well. Most children already know her either through the club or from their time at pre-school. Reception children who had Leigh as their keyperson now have Sue instead.

Additionally, during the term we said goodbye to our turkey chicks. These

are now living happily at the end of the lane without fear of Christmas. You may be able to hear them as you walk past. We would like to hatch chicks again this term. However, we do not like to hatch them unless we know they have a home to go to. Do you know anyone who wants/ would like/ can have some chicks? We are flexible as to what we hatch but would prefer to know asap so that eggs can be obtained for the first week of term, hence giving children 2 weeks to meet the chicks before going to their permanent home at half term.



Resources

Do you have any unwanted jigsaw puzzles, board games or toys suitable for children aged between 4 and 12 that you do not want anymore? Could you consider donating them to the ASC? Some children attend the club for up to 9 years and love to see new games and equipment on occasion. We could also consider purchasing more expensive items that you wish to sell...

Additionally, please could you save some of your recycling, such as boxes,

cardboard tubes and small items such as yoghurt pots for our junk modelling box. This is popular with our creative children and is now looking a little depleted.

We are pleased to let you know that the club is now operating at a small profit. As you may be aware we are a registered charity and we try to ensure the future stability of the club alongside providing resources and equipment requested by the children to make their time at the club as fun as possible. During the last term we have invested money in Hudl's, den making equipment, loom bands, arts and crafts, hama beads, cooking ingredients, art canvasses and footballs as well as board games and puzzles.



However, this also means that spaces are being taken quickly and we may not always have availability for last minute spaces as permanent bookings are given priority. This is particularly noticeable on Tuesdays when there are now only 2 spaces left. If you do need these spaces you may wish to consider booking them permanently or giving plenty of notice to book them. Unfortunately, we cannot take an unlimited number of children due to Ofsted and insurance requirements.

Due to the new hudl's I have been able to update the ASC blog more often than previously. Visit <http://www.lydiardmillicentafterschoolclub.org.uk/our-blog/> to see some of the things that your children have been up to. I am hoping to keep this more updated in the future....

Please remember to let us know if your child will not be attending the club. If a child does not turn up as expected, and we do not know, we put into action our missing child policy which results in adults, including school teachers, searching the school grounds for a child that may not be missing.

Additionally, please let us know if your child is going to attending an after school club such as art, football or homework so that we know where they are and what time we need to collect them.

Our next committee meeting is on Monday 12th January 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...

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? If not, could you
give us other numbers that we could try
too?

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
LMASC