



# Lydeard St Lawrence SCHOOL NEWS

Autumn 2007

November 7th

Well done to the rugby and football teams, who have been out representing the school in the last week. The results and league tables are on the sports' notice board in the corridor and also on the website in the clubs folder.

We are currently working very hard with children on behaviour in and out of the classroom, especially at clubs run by leaders who are not members of our staff. It is important that the children make the most of these opportunities and listen carefully to the coaches or music teachers - as we, or you, are paying for this instruction. These adults are not necessarily trained teachers, even when they are fully qualified coaches and we depend on the children treating them with proper respect and attention so that everyone can enjoy the experience. We appreciate your support in reinforcing this message with the children.

I hope you have had the chance to look at the website. We will be developing it over the rest of term and adding documents and information that will help you and the children keep up to date with what is happening in school. Please let us know what you think.

The PTFA disco was a great success, and there are a few pictures on the website, with more to follow. Mr McMillan actually got some of the pictures on the site before I got home on Wednesday night!! The hall looked very atmospheric and the children very, very spooky! Maddie Norman and Sid Appleton won the best costume prizes. Well done everyone.

We are now planning the Christmas Fair and you should receive an information sheet from the PTFA with this letter. I also have a couple of requests for things for our stalls. If you have any nearly new and clean soft toys that are looking for a new home, please send them in to me to be recycled!

We are also going to have a 'jar' stall. We need empty clean jars to put things in, things we can fill jars with if you don't have any empty jars yourself, or ready-filled jars. The jars should be filled with things to a value of not more than a pound. How creative can you be with the contents of your jar?

The Christmas Fair will be on the evening of Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December in the School Hall. All details will follow, but please put the date in your diary.

On a more mundane level, can I ask you all to make sure your child's clothes are clearly named. We struggle to match child with clothing at times and the lost property basket gets filled with un-named clothing. Also, if your child is wearing uniform passed on from another child, please change the name.

PCSO Cridland will be visiting us today to present us with some reflective waistcoats to wear when we are out walking with the children. Together with those we got through the Sainsbury's scheme we will now be very visible when we are out and about!

With this in mind, and especially as it is Road Safety Week, can you all continue to take very good care outside the school site and when walking with the children on the way to school. The theme of this year's event is the safety of children on foot and bicycles.

You can find out more on the website [www.roadsafetyweek.org.uk](http://www.roadsafetyweek.org.uk) We will be sending a questionnaire next week concerning the issues to do with travelling to school, and I would appreciate it if you could consider the key issues we need to address or improve, for our school travel plan.

If you were at our MAD day last month, could you please check your tools, as Mrs Pickard's spade was taken home by someone else in error. It is an old family spade and has much sentimental value! A green, very smart spade was left behind – so could you please let Mrs Pickard know if her spade is currently being given a good home in your toolshed!

We will be distributing poppies this week for the Royal British Legion. Please send any money you wish to contribute for your child to have a poppy in a named envelope or securely taped to a named piece of paper.

Kate Wiltshire is sending out Book People catalogues today. If you do not want your order to go home with your child, please make it very clear on the order form! 10% of all orders are given to school as commission, with which we buy LOTS of books! Orders back by next Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> November please.

Finally...

We would like to make our Christmas charitable contribution this year to Operation Christmas Child. You will find a leaflet with this newsletter explaining what is required and if you think your family could fill a shoebox with small gifts for a needy child, then we need the boxes in to school by 22<sup>nd</sup> November, as they will be collected from school on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mrs O'Brien is co-ordinating this in school and can give you more information if you need it. For those of you who have supported our contributions to children at the women's refuge in the past, we will be collecting for these children again next year.

I hope you are all enjoying the sunshine as much as we are!

Gill Stripp  
Headteacher.