



# Lydeard St Lawrence SCHOOL NEWS

Autumn 2007

September 19th

The Harvest Festival seems to have prompted the turn of the seasons, and it's definitely chilly enough in school to be autumn!

We have had a very warm and complimentary letter from the Church to thank you all for your generous and thoughtful Harvest Gifts. The boxes looked wonderful and everything at the auction was sold, raising over £150 for WaterAid. Thank you once again for supporting this good cause and involving your child in the Harvest tradition.

Congratulations to Jackie O'Brien and her daughter Sonia, who completed their 5K run, raising £570 for Breast Cancer Care. They thank you all for your support and sponsorship. I know she is thinking we might get a school team together for the Taunton 10K! Anyone interested in this, contact Jackie at school.

Can I remind everyone that Mr and Mrs Luxton's field is not part of our playground and children must not climb over the fence for any reason. If they lose footballs over the hedge we have an arrangement for an adult to collect them. The children are also not allowed in the road hedge, unless an adult has given them permission to look for a ball. It is dangerous, and we only allow this under supervision for obvious reasons. I quite understand that at home your child may have more scope for different kinds of play activities, but in school we do need to observe a set of rules that comply with guidance and suit the social context. Please help us to keep every child safe and happy by following the school's rules for use of the playground.

Savings club will be on a Wednesday afternoon from next week. Fodo will be in the library collecting your money for the school's Credit Union savings club. We like to encourage the child to begin to save and manage their own money. Savings can start with as little as £1 and more information can be got from Fodo Higginson on Wednesday.

The Book People catalogues are out today. All orders in by Monday 24<sup>th</sup> please. We get 10% of the value of your order to spend on books for school and these are great value.

Saturday night is the Ladybirds Auction of Promises, and there are still tickets available. If you can't make it on the night but want to bid for some of the great promises, you can leave a sealed bid in the school office.

Don't forget our open information evening and informal class meetings this evening. We are here from 7.00pm until 8.30pm, with all the staff here to give you information about all the different aspects of school life, to help you and the children in their learning and enjoyment of school. The teacher/s from each class will have a 10 minute slot in their classrooms to answer any questions about the classroom routines you may have. The rest of us will be in the hall to chat and answer any other questions you may have.

What do their hot lunches taste like? What exactly is fruity tuck? How do you get a label to stay on anything? Why does Mrs Foyle need your money in an envelope? How do you make a lunchbox more 'green'? What opportunities are there for sport and music?

The answers to these questions and much more will be found at school tonight. Pop in for half an hour or stay for longer. We look forward to seeing you then.

Have a great week,

Gill Stripp, Headteacher.