



Lydeard St Lawrence  
**SCHOOL NEWS**

Spring 2008

March 31st

We are sending out our last newsletter of the Spring term a little early, so that you will have all the information about this week's activities to hand.

There is also a letter from the governing body with this newsletter that will give you the latest information about our Self-evaluation. We were very pleased that our judgements have been confirmed by the LA, and they agree that the standards in school are good with a good capacity to improve even more. Well done to everyone, for all the work that goes in to making progress in our school.

Parents' meetings will be on Wednesday afternoon and evening. All the children's work will be in the hall, so please go there first, where some of our pupils will take you to your appointment in the outside classes. Please help them to keep the teachers on time! If you know you have something to discuss that will need more time, please make an appointment with the teacher to discuss the issue with them more fully at another date. The teachers will give you their latest assessments of how your child is progressing and the standards they have achieved, along with any other information you need. We will be having a parents' information evening to explain all about the assessment system, including SATs, next term, which I hope you will find helpful.

Good Work Assembly is on Thursday afternoon at 1.45 in the hall, followed by a cake sale in the playground outside class 3.

After school on Friday is an Easter Egg hunt, organised by the PTFA for all the children in the school. If your child normally comes by taxi or bus, perhaps you could arrange for them to stay if they would like to. Please let transport know, as well as class teachers, if you are going to change the normal arrangements.

Class 2 and 3 are having a Victorian end to their term, and the children have the opportunity to come in Victorian style dress this Thursday and Friday. I know that the teachers suggested that something like their Scrooge outfits would be suitable, or something similar.

Lots of children are currently without water bottles for drinking in class. We try to encourage the children to drink regularly, but they need a water bottle in school, which comes home regularly for a wash. Although they can have a different drink in their lunchbox, water only in their bottles please.

I hope everyone enjoys their holiday, and so that we can all enjoy the return to school, can I ask everyone to check their child's hair very carefully in the week before we return, so that you have time to treat any headlice you may find. It is really frustrating for those parents who check their children's hair frequently to find mature headlice, which have clearly come from a friendly head in the time since their last check. There are many ways

of treating these creatures, but it is essential that everyone in the family is checked if you find any. Re-infestation often comes about because there is another child or adult in the family who still has them and the whole cycle starts again. Some of us are unlucky and are more prone to catching them than others, and they love clean hair, so that is not the issue. Regular and thorough checking is essential to keep this to a minimum in school. If you are lucky enough not to know what they look like, then do come and ask me, as I have over thirty years of experience in the headlice business!

Nape of the neck, temples and behind the ears are the best places to spot the eggs (nits), and an old fashioned fine comb will get some of the adults. Do it over the bath and you can spot them more easily.

Now that the nasty bugs seem to have done their worst we are back to 24 hours clear after sickness or upset stomach. Thank you for your support in this.

The rugby team played the last league matches of the season on Thursday and played very well indeed. The children all seem to be enjoying their rugby at the school club with our new coach, and we will be continuing after the spring break for at least the first half of the summer term.

Those footballers who have not taken part in the league matches represented the school on Friday evening, when we played Blagdon Hill away from home. The boys had a really good game, losing 5-2, but showing some good skills against Blagdon's first team (They are a very small school, but they have a very good set of footballers!). Some of the boys will be challenging for first team places next year!

No clubs in the first week of term

Have a great holiday and enjoy the light evenings and the (hopefully) warmer weather.

Gill Stripp  
Headteacher