



Lydeard St Lawrence SCHOOL NEWS

Summer 2008

12th June

Apologies for being a day late with our newsletter, but we had photocopier trouble yesterday!

Class 1's trip on Tuesday was a great success (please see their report) and we also had good weather for the Yr 5 festival on Wednesday. The cricket team played in the league on Tuesday and displayed some good teamwork. George, George and Josh from Yr 5 went to Exeter University earlier in the week to sample student life and join an advanced maths group!

All the adults who went with these children were very proud of the way they represented the school and conducted themselves. Personally, as our children joined a group of 1,200 others last week at Norton camp, I was very pleased to be responsible for them, due to their sensible behaviour and good manners.

We would like to try two new trials in connection with our Healthy School Status and the provision of healthy food in the near future. Robyn Greenway has been in discussion with DairyCo, and as a result they will be sending a free supply of milk for the children on Wednesday 18th June. They can have this at break or lunchtime, as they prefer, or not at all if they don't drink milk. It may be that this might be a possible addition to the children's school diet in the future, but we want to trial it to get the children's reaction. Sue Burton will be trialling a packed lunch option for school lunches in the week beginning the 30th June. We will send full details nearer the time, but basically we will be offering a sandwich/wrap based lunch, complete with a salad/vegetable dip option, plus healthy cake or similar snack, and fruit – pretty much what you would pack yourself (but without crisps or chocolate biscuits!). Some parents would like to have a lunch provided, but their children don't always want a cooked lunch, so we are doing a one-week trial to test the demand for this. The children will be able to choose from a range of components each day to make a fresh, balanced lunchbox, which will be booked the week before for any number of days the following week. If they want to try sandwiches and still have hot lunch on Thursday, this accommodates all alternatives.

Mrs Pickard and helpers have got the new barcodes for all the children installed now, so the library books are available for loan. Initially, the children can borrow one book at a time to supplement any other reading they have from school, if they wish.

Class 3 Librarians will be on duty to issue and exchange books at lunchtimes and this is available for all children. Please don't allow younger children to browse the shelves after school, as the librarians are having a difficult job keeping the shelves in good order. It is important that the children can make their own choices of books, with help from the librarians, so that they get as much enjoyment as possible from this opportunity.

There are two job opportunities that are being advertised through this newsletter in the first instance.

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Needed for September '08, a **Leader for our After School Club**, to work under the direct supervision of the Headteacher and governors of the school, to provide high quality, safe and enjoyable care for a small group of children between 3.00pm and 5.00pm. This provision is for of 3 days, up to 5 days a week, depending on demand, and the post will be temporary in the first instance.

A relevant qualification, NVQ Level 3 (or working towards) or equivalent is required.

If you are interested in this post, or know someone who might be suitable, contact Sarah Wood for an appointment to discuss this with me further. As this is a new post, this is an exciting opportunity for someone to make this job their own and develop the care we extend to the wider community.

Have a lovely weekend,

Gill Stripp
Headteacher