



Lydeard St Lawrence
SCHOOL NEWS

Autumn 2008

11th September

Welcome to Oliver, Lara, Jessica, Matthew, Toby and Rebekah! Our new reception children are settling in to school life and they will have had their first morning at school when you read this letter. Mrs Villis and Mrs England would like to thank them for making them so welcome on their home visits yesterday.

Those of us who saw the Tour of Britain on Tuesday had fun waving at the cyclists, cars, motor bikes, trains, helicopter and generally anyone who went past. The children were on the BBC news, so I hope some of you saw them!

Our apologies to the three families in Class 2 who didn't get the letter, but we think everyone who wanted to go got there in the end.

There are a few reminders for you this week:

- Data collection sheets need to be checked and returned to school please
- School reports need the last sheet to be signed and returned to acknowledge receipt
- No guitar club next week (Mrs Knapper has also reminded children)
- Photographs are on Monday 29th September , not Sunday 28th (please amend your date list)
- PTFA AGM is Monday 22nd September at 7.30pm in school
- Fruity tuck and swimming money due in next week please
- Book People School Link orders returned by Thursday 18th September please
- Lost property is full and all clothes that have been there since July will be removed on Friday afternoon.

Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to help cut fruit for the children at the beginning of the day. I do realise in everyone's busy schedule finding half an hour at the beginning of the day is tricky, but so many of the children enjoy having a selection of fruit (cut into mouth size pieces!) that it is a very worthwhile contribution to make. We only have a few volunteers so far and some of them have done this every week for the last three years. If you can help in any way please contact Sarah in the office or Wizz Appleton, so that we can continue to offer this healthy option to the children.

I am also looking at how, if, and when we can offer hot meals this term. Last year we did not do hot meals in the Autumn term as Wizz is busy with her Christmas pudding business. We hope to offer both hot meals and a sandwich option in the Spring and Summer term. I hope we can continue in some way this term as the children are keen to have some hot meal provision before January. I will keep you fully informed.

The children will also have the opportunity to have school milk after autumn half term. This will be available to the whole school and is free for the under fives.

If you are in receipt of: Income support; Income Based Job Seekers Allowance; Child Tax Credit with an income not exceeding £15,575, your child is entitled to receive free school meals. We can provide a packed lunch each day for these children. Our school funding is also partly based on Free School Meal entitlement, so I would be very grateful if you could let Sarah Wood or me know if you are entitled, even if you do not wish to take this up. All information given to us is in the strictest confidence.

It stopped raining for a while today....

Have a good week,

Gill Stripp
Headteacher.