



Lydeard St Lawrence  
**SCHOOL NEWS**

Autumn 2008

17<sup>th</sup> September

Thank you for sending in your data forms, report slips and money for fruity tuck and swimming. Sarah needs the rest of these in by Wednesday next week please. If you have lost the forms or reply slips please ask for another copy to be sent home.

As a new year begins we are all settling in to the routine of school again. Could you make sure you check your child's book bag and their tray and then ask their class teacher if you cannot find the newsletter. Often we find ourselves rushing at the end of the day and although we do our best to make sure the letters go to the right person, on time, it is easy to make a mistake from time to time. Thank you.

The large climbing equipment is out of use until the sewage works have been completed. The top soil will have to be dumped, temporarily on this area and would cover the bark chippings. The PTFA have set aside the funds to cover the cost (in excess of £600) but it would be wasteful to replace it until the area has been re-landscaped. I know some of you are aware of the accident that happened after school last week, and I would like to remind you that children with small hands should not be on the monkey bars as their diameter makes it very hard for small children to get a good grip. Children below school age should not be climbing on the high levels of this apparatus at all, and there is a low level climbing trail for them near Class 1. As with all things in life, removing all risk removes challenge (and dare I say, fun) so exercise caution within reason seems to be a good guide for the children's safety!

We are very appreciative of the support given to various fund-raising and voluntary activities by our families and friends and would like to remind you of some upcoming events.

**Harvest festival:** **23<sup>rd</sup> Sept** This is on Tuesday morning, next week. Please help your child prepare a box of harvest produce, home grown (or in a packet!) that can be auctioned on Tuesday evening. If you would like to support the Water aid charity and get some excellent produce in the process, please come along to the auction (in the church) on Tuesday evening.

**Make A Difference day:** **27<sup>th</sup> Sept** For those of you who might not have been to a MAD day before, this is the opportunity for a group of parents, pupils, teachers and governors to make a real difference to our school by gardening, painting, planting, mending and generally making our school a welcoming, tidy and bright place for the children to work! Lunch is provided, so if you can come for an hour, a morning or a whole day we would love to see you. Please fill in the slip attached to this letter so that we can cater for everyone.

**MacMillan coffee morning (in the afternoon): 26<sup>th</sup> Sept** We will be holding our annual afternoon coffee/tea and cake meeting after school next Friday. We always make a very significant contribution to this national charity and it is an excellent way for new families to meet, old friends have a chance for a cup of tea and a chat, and the older children to learn about looking after your every need! Please come and have a cup of tea and support them. All contributions of cakes and biscuits to sell will be very gratefully received on Friday morning or in the afternoon. (Please indicate how much you feel they should be sold for, as you know the cost of making them!!)

Many thanks to the Fruity tuck volunteers, who this term are: **M** Vicky Quayle; Julie Gaukroger; **T** Nina Thomas; Lucy Tull; **W** Laura Sturgess; Rah Cattell; **TH** Emily Fairweather; Wizz Appleton; **F** Michelle Jasper; Helen Hall. If you could help with this, or be an emergency stand -in, please let Wizz know.

Sarah is sending a uniform order this week, so please give her your orders by Friday. Thank you.

Finally, the Cricket Club is holding their pig roast evening this Saturday, at the playing fields from 7.00 until late. Good food and live music! The money they raise will go towards materials and activities for their youth training, so it benefits lots of our children. Tickets are available from Rah Cattell at school.

Have a good week

Gill Stripp  
Headteacher.