



Lydeard St Lawrence  
**SCHOOL NEWS**

Autumn 2008

24<sup>th</sup> September

Thank you all for your wonderful contribution to the Harvest festival yesterday, and to those of you who were able to join us in the church. It is always lovely to see our new children join us in the church for the first service of the year.

There are letters from the Chair of Governors and the PTFA coming to you today. As you will see, Rianne Sewell is our new Chair, taking over from Rick Harrison, who has held this post for many years and through many challenging times. He has seen the school community change and grow in many ways and has been a great support to me personally and led the governing body with commitment and a real sense of pride in this school, and what we offer to the community and your children. I now look forward to working with Rianne in the next phase of the school's development, of which you will hear much more in the next few weeks.

In case any of you read the Western Daily Press last Thursday and think the challenges are to be closure (!) let me reassure you! The Local Authority and the governors are about to commit a very significant sum of money replacing our infrastructure and creating new buildings at our school – a sure sign that they are thinking of us as being here to grow and develop and certainly not the reverse. I was only made aware of the article yesterday, and am waiting for the reporter to confirm who gave her this misleading information, before we take further action. Needless to say the Western Daily Press will be printing an article, with photographs I am told, stressing that the school is alive and well and most definitely not closed!

The PTFA, who do such a great job raising money and organising events for the children, are in need of a new Chairperson. The existing members of the committee are very supportive and know a lot about organising things, but need someone to replace Lizzy Hill for the coming year. Do come along next Thursday afternoon to find out more.

Thank you for your response to the Make A Difference day on Saturday. We are a small select band I think, but can still make some inroads into the jobs that need doing around the school. We will be painting, power washing, gardening and getting lots of small repairs dealt with.

Also, on Friday we will be holding our annual tea party for Macmillan and would love you to come along and support this. Some of the children will be waiting on you and it looks like it might be fine and sunny enough to be outside. I would be very grateful for contributions of cakes and/or biscuits, as I'm afraid mine will be shop-bought!

Wiveliscombe Outreach workers will be running a drop in session on Monday at 10.15 in the school hall. If you have a child under five and would like to come and have a coffee or a chat with other parents, then do call in to see them.

Some reminders:

- Data collection sheets have still not all been returned. It is essential we have up to date information about your child and contact numbers etc. If you have lost the sheet, please ask Sarah for a reprint.
- Photographs are on Monday morning. Please return your slip tomorrow if you have not done so already.
- INSET day on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, so no children at school please!

Have a good week

Gill Stripp  
Headteacher.