



Lydeard St Lawrence  
**SCHOOL NEWS**

Autumn 2008

4<sup>th</sup> November

The Christmas songs are being sorted, calendars checked, and suddenly it doesn't seem long until the mad December rush is on us. Towards the end of the month I will send you the usual information about all the seasonal events we hold so that if it's your first (or fourth!) Christmas you will have a list of things you need to expect, do, or remember! Very exciting!

Sarah has contacted the football and rugby coaches and there will be four weeks of both clubs this half term. Football will now have to be on a Monday after school, so hockey will need to be re-arranged and I will talk to the children about the most convenient times. Sarah will send details about football and rugby with this newsletter.

Some notices/dates for this term:

- Fruity Tuck is £6.80 (cheques payable to L St L School) for the half term and swimming contribution is £10.50 per child (cheques payable to Somerset C.C.) until Christmas.
- We will be selling poppies for the Royal British Legion and explaining some of the history behind this to the children. If you would like your child to have a poppy, please send a contribution in a named envelope or stuck to a piece of paper and the older children will come to the classes and collect the money and hand out the poppies.
- Children In Need is Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November. We will be inviting the children (and staff) to dress up as 'What you want to be when you grow up!' A suggested contribution of £1 for Children in Need in exchange for this. I'm still deciding...
- A parent governor vacancy still exists and any parent wishing to know more about this should contact Sarah in the office or Rianne Sewell, chair of Governors.
- Sarah is out of the office on Thursday, so essential calls to school only, please.
- Bag2school collection on Friday, so all bags of clothes, soft furnishing, bedding etc to school or to Fern by Thursday please.
- Pre school drop in sessions continue every fortnight at school, on a Monday morning in the school hall. Please tell anyone who has a child 0-5 about these sessions. Plans are being made for the spring term including music and messy play. If you have any other ideas, please let us know.

I would be grateful if you would fill in the attached slip regarding extended services in school. Next week a more extensive questionnaire will be going out covering a wide range of issues and we would be very grateful for your feedback. However, I know the needs of after school clubs/care is pressing and I would want to establish something as soon as possible to make a start with this. There are many issues to do with paperwork, regulations and registration that sometimes seem insurmountable, but I would appreciate your response for Friday this week please so that we let you know the date we can begin.

I hope you all had a relaxing break with your families. It's lovely to see them all back in school again.

Gill Stripp  
Headteacher.