



Lydeard St Lawrence SCHOOL NEWS

Autumn 2008

6th October

Last Thursday, many of your children had a nourishing hot lunch grown and cooked for them by the gardeners, who worked so hard on the vegetable beds last summer! They also enjoyed some delicious Somerset Apple cake cooked by Fern Baker, rescuing me from the task and ensuring the children get a lovely pudding too! I would like to say how sensible and helpful these children were – a great credit to us!

Representing the school at Cross Country last week were: Lucy and Daisy Moore, Sam and Sasha Sturgess, George and Oliver Cattell, Charlie Baker, Archie Burton, Imogen Greenway, Finlay Quayle, Robin Appleton, Emily Gregson-Brown and William Perry. They did extremely well, some of them running the course for the first time, and we had two teams in the top ten places. Well done! The results will be posted on the notice board and the website.

Our football and rugby clubs are now in full swing, so I hope the children enjoy these clubs. Please support us in making it clear to the children that they must listen to the coaches and be courteous. Those very few children who sometimes disrupt the lessons will be reminded only once. It would be lovely to see more of our girls at these clubs. Many of them are very good at sport and would enjoy adding to their skills – we will continue to encourage the girls to take part – particularly in rugby, as we cannot field a team without at least two girls. If we all do our part to encourage the girls in field sports and the boys in dance and gym they will become stronger and well-rounded athletes.

Thank you so much for supporting McMillan by buying or contributing cakes for the tea party. We raised £80, which makes a real contribution to such a good cause.

I understand that several people came along on Saturday morning to 'Make A Difference' and found no-one there! I am sure you understand that as I only had three replies we decided to postpone, and I wrote to all those who returned a slip. Several of us turned out in the afternoon and we did make a difference to the secret garden and the playground fence!

I suggest I send out a list of possible dates and depending on the response, come up with a new date. It is always such a good day that I would hate to think we wouldn't continue in the future.

The Western Daily Press have been in school this week to take some pictures of the school and children in order to rectify their unfortunate mistake in the newspaper. Please do all you can to assure friends and neighbours that our school is not on a list of schools to close!

This Wednesday is our assessment information evening, where we will be explaining the types of assessment we do in school and what is done with this information. (See dates list sent out in September) Do return the form if you are able to come along.

For those of you who would like to know more about the trial homework (Learning Logs in Class 2 and Big Homework in Class 3) we will also be running the Teachers TV video, which sparked our interest in this type of homework. It looks like meeting many of the children's personal learning styles in a more appropriate way, and we will be continuing to trial this until Christmas, when we will be asking for feedback.

Throughout the day next Monday, Ladybirds and the school will be holding an open day for anyone who wishes to look round the pre-school or school. If you know of anyone who may be interested do let them know, as they will be most welcome.

Hope you all enjoyed your long weekend!

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Headteacher.