



Lydeard St Lawrence  
**SCHOOL NEWS**

Autumn 2008

December 9<sup>th</sup>

The plays have got off to a great start and now the children are warmed up for some fantastic evening performances ahead. Class teachers are sending a note with this letter telling you when the children need to be back in school tonight and Thursday. The performance seems to be about an hour long, so for those of you picking up tonight 8.00pm is a guide time. (depending on encores!) Please let the children get back to their classrooms before collecting them so that they can leave their costumes.

Collections will be for Action Aid gifts, such as classroom packs, school meals for families, school books for children etc – that will enable others to have what we so often take for granted.

May Jackie O'Brien and I take this opportunity to thank you for your great generosity in sending gifts for the Women's refuge – there will be a picture in the West Somerset free press this week. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

Please do your best to join us for the Carol and Christingle service on Sunday at 4.00pm in the church. It is such a special service in our school calendar, and according to the children, many of them will not be coming. I understand the pressures you are all under, but a family Christmas event such as this makes a real contribution to the spirit of Christmas. Everyone welcome.

I have printed out the Santa photos. If your child's photograph doesn't come home, or it's the wrong one (!) I have a contact print of all the pictures Ian took on the night and it's easily sorted out.

Well done to the footballers, keeping their unbeaten record and still at the top of the table. After last year's tight finish, I am reluctant to think too far ahead, but they are doing very well so far! Well done boys.

Christmas lunch is Thursday, so don't send your lunchboxes in and Parties are next Tuesday (DO send your lunchboxes in as they have lunch as well!) Party food lists will be on the classroom doors tomorrow, so do add something to the shared party food.

In the event of bad weather the cascade information system will operate. I will contact several key parents, who will be by their phones between 8.00am and 9.30am should you wish to ring to check if the school is open. This will come home tomorrow with your contact number highlighted. We endeavour to keep the school open.

A grey pencil case with various items inside was found outside school yesterday. Please ask Sarah if you have lost this.

We will also be sending out booking forms and details for our new after school provision, which will start in January, five days a week, until 5.30pm!! Look out for these at the beginning of next week.

Finally, if you are interested in standing for parent governor, please contact the clerk, Sarah Wood, via the school office, as we still have a vacancy. We would love to hear from you!

See you on Sunday I hope.

Gill Stripp  
Headteacher.