



Lydeard St Lawrence SCHOOL NEWS

Spring 2009

17th March

I hope you all enjoyed hearing about our Science Week activities and the school trip. Congratulations to Hetty, Bethany and Lottie for winning the poster competition and also to Joe and Rich in class 2 and Josh and Jay in Class 3 for their success in the K'nex challenge. We really enjoyed the whole school activities, something that works well in small schools like ours, and look forward to the environment week in the summer term. If you have any ideas for activities or know anyone who could visit or provide a resource for this please let me know.

Parents' meetings are on the 26th March (30th March for year 6) and will be in the usual format, with the children's work in the hall and meetings in the classrooms or upstairs group room. Please return your slips (they should reach you by today) and we will send you your appointment times. The meetings are 15 minutes long, which we hope is sufficient for your discussion. If you need longer than this the staff will be happy to make a further appointment at another time.

I would like to thank Finlay Quaile and Lucy and Daisy Moore for their performances in the County Cross Country on Saturday. Lucy finished in the top three again this year, an excellent achievement, as we are always competing with running clubs and much larger schools. Finlay and Daisy did well in their year group, finishing in the middle of the field. I look forward to seeing a full cross country team at the next competition in April.

Thank you for the support and help you give your children with homework and organisation. We developed the children's reading record/homework booklets with the help of a parent working party, and one of the important issues is to use these books purely as records of homework/reading, as they are the children's notebooks. If you have messages or would like to discuss any issues regarding homework or reading stages etc, please send a note or make an appointment to see the teacher and they will be pleased to answer your queries and listen to your views.

You might also be wondering where coats, bags, swimming kit etc can be. I can tell you where a lot of it is – in the lost property basket!! Please check the lost property before the end of the week for missing belongings. Can you also check your child's clothes and re-name any bits that have lost their labels. Thank you.

We now have planning permission for our new after school room and Pre School Elliot building, so we are on course to have this in place by September 09, ready to begin the next stage of developing extended care and community use. We will keep you updated as this project progresses.

Have a good week,

Gill Stripp
Headteacher