



Lydeard St Lawrence SCHOOL NEWS

Spring 2009

24th March

CONGRATULATIONS to the school rugby team, who won the Small schools tag rugby championship last Wednesday!

I am so proud of both them and our footballers, who have brought two 'gold' cups back to school. A fitting and well-deserved outcome to much hard work from the children (and their supporters and coaches!)

Look out for their photographs in the newspaper soon.

The PTFA are running a disco on Friday 27th from 6.30pm to 8pm for school age children. The entry is free, as the cake sale next week will hopefully cover the cost, but refreshments will be available to buy on the night. The Easter egg hunt will also take place on the last day of term, Friday 3rd April. All LSL school children are invited to hunt for the chicks in return for their Easter surprise!

Thank you for your responses some time ago to the travel plan questionnaire. The final plan is currently waiting for approval from the Local Authority and then it will be published. I will send a summary of the findings once it has been approved.

Both breakfast club and after school club were also the subject of parent questionnaires in the past and based on your response we tried very hard to provide you with the extended hours you requested. To this end we have worked to use various pots of money and LA grants to provide a new dedicated After School/ family learning room when the Pre-school building is replaced in September.

My slight concern is that although many of you said you would use the club, the numbers currently attending make its viability more questionable than I had hoped. Next term I will be sending out a further parent questionnaire to establish the level of need from September 2009 so that I can arrange staffing. I will also be asking for your thoughts about daily hot meal/sandwich options from September, so that I can continue making plans for this provision as well.

Governors currently subsidise Breakfast Club very heavily (This is not allowed for After school care) and each year we have to consider whether we can justify this investment. At the moment children are arriving on the playground well before 8.30am, when there is staff supervision. Can I take this opportunity to remind you that children may not be left unattended or 'dropped off' before 8.30am. If you need to do this to get to work or elsewhere, please book them in to Breakfast Club, which opens at 8.00am.

Parents' meetings begin on Thursday at 2.00pm. Please go to the hall to wait for your appointments. We look forward to seeing you.

Enjoy your week,

Gill Stripp
Headteacher