



Lydeard St Lawrence SCHOOL NEWS

Summer 2009

July 8th

Thank you to all of you who joined us last week for sports day and the summer fair. As you saw the PTFA had been really busy organising both the breakfasts on Tuesday and all the stalls and entertainment for Friday's event.

We raised an amazing £763.35 on Friday, £177.43 more than last year! Thank you for all your contributions and for coming along and supporting the children in this way!

If any of you missed out on a School sustainable shopping bag, they are available for a limited time from the office and at the bicycle gymkhana next Thursday.

Details of the gymkhana will go out soon from the PTFA, but it is at the cricket ground next Thursday after Good Work Assembly.

Good Work Assembly is in the church at 1.15pm.

As you will have seen, the tyre park was installed successfully and the Gazette and The West Somerset Free Press both came and took photographs of the children on this. The whole area will be available to the children in the autumn, plus the new seating area in the corner where Ladybirds now stands. We want the children to have the maximum space to play on, particularly as the field will be cut up by trenches for the new drainage system.

We are always glad to see the children having fun outside. We do, however, expect you to support our behaviour policy and ensure your child behaves well after school when you are supervising them. We do not allow children to brandish sticks, fight, or play unsupervised on the climbing equipment during school time and we do not expect this behaviour after school either. Being somewhere on the school grounds does not count as supervision. I raise this because a parent pointed out the unsuitable behaviour of a group of children after school yesterday.

Children under school age should use the equipment at parents' discretion and your own risk.

I have also had a visit from a neighbour complaining about the 'dreadful' parking situation around the school. I know how difficult it is for you all, but please don't park across driveways, the school bus bay, or on both sides of the road on the bend. As you know, large vehicles, tractors and lorries use this road and apparently we blocked the road for almost fifteen minutes on Tuesday morning! I apologised to our neighbour and would like to keep disruption to a minimum.

Would anybody be interested in helping to organise a 'walking bus' to or from the village hall? I am sure we could walk a number of children up to school and I have a very fetching set of fluorescent jackets!

Jane Ruell and Jan Willis have worked very hard with the energy group to get us a bronze ECO award and the silver one is very achievable. We need to have a

governor and/or a parent to work with this group if we hope to get this and the ECO flag. If you are interested in helping develop our ECO-school status and work with an enthusiastic group of children, please let me know.

Sarah is putting in a uniform order on Friday and there will not be another with return guaranteed by September. Please collect a form from the office if you need new winter uniform. Cardigan and sweatshirt colours are red, black and dark green.

Mrs Napper has a few spaces in her music groups and she would like to know this term, if possible, if your child would like to begin guitar lessons next term. If you are interested please ring her on 01823 451935 before the end of term so that she can arrange her groups. Similarly, if your child is not going to continue, please contact Helen as soon as possible, as she has only a few spare places in her groups.

Mrs Foyle also has space for one or two children to start piano lessons. If you think your child would enjoy this, please contact Sarah in the school office.

Mr Wills, the recorder teacher has now completed 2 years teaching class 2 and the children will miss seeing him every Wednesday. Next year Class 2 will be having singing tuition and I hope we begin the nucleus of a school choir! We hope to continue recorder practice for those who wish to do so. If there are any recorder players who would like to help Mrs Pickard organise this, please contact her this term.

Could Parents of yr R – 5 please send your report reply slips back by Wednesday at the latest. If you do not wish to comment on the report, simply sign and return to acknowledge receipt. Thank you.

And finally...

As some of you will have seen, the first trenches are being dug through the secret garden, to begin the drainage work. This is a separate project to the new Elliott building, but the two will fit together over the summer holidays. When you get back after the summer, the new building housing Ladybirds Pre-school, the After-school and breakfast club room, kitchen and PE store will be in place. I expect it is going to look shockingly large and the grounds are going to be terribly cut up, but everything will soon get back to normal.

The school grounds will not be a suitable place for children to play over the holidays. September 1st will be an INSET day to allow staff to organise their rooms and stock the new building. The rest of the INSET dates will be planned at the end of term and will be posted on the website.

Have a good week.

Gill Stripp
Headteacher