



Lydeard St Lawrence SCHOOL NEWS

Spring 2009

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We are so pleased to have had so many children back in school for the last two days. I was amazed at the lengths some people went to, to get here!

Rianne Sewell, Chair of Governors, and I, do not take the decision to close the school lightly, and we have to take the wider view of what constitutes safe practice. As you now all know the deciding point can often be the access to the school and the safety of the children in the school environment, which includes the road outside. The decision to travel, however, is yours. So many of you live in places that are difficult to access in cold weather, and you also have to factor in your vehicle and your own confidence in driving in the snow. If you are unable to get to school in bad weather conditions, your child is given a mark that does not count as an absence. Please let us know if your child is sick in the normal way.

If we are unable to open the school tomorrow, I will contact the cascade numbers, but I am hopeful that we will be able to open as usual. If your child is not at school tomorrow, they can draw pictures and write accounts of their 'snow' experiences for the newsletter the children are putting together. Photos of the gardens, snowmen, roads are good if you have a digital camera, and poems, puzzles, drawings will all be welcome. Everyone has some maths they can practice – number bonds, tables, mental arithmetic games. Handwriting is a useful exercise and BBC schools website offers lots of ideas too. (www.bbc.co.uk/schools)

Rugby and football are hoping to start next week, and we will be starting netball on Thursday lunchtimes. If you want to join football or rugby, please contact Miss Wood for the forms. We will send a full list of clubs and activities at the end of the week.

We plan to go to St George's as usual this week, so swimming things on Friday please. The voluntary contributions towards the cost of this, for tuition and hire etc are £7.50 for a half term, £15 for the full term.(payable to Somerset CC)

Fruity tuck will be £5 this half term and £5.50 next half term or £10 for the term (payable to Lydeard St Lawrence School)

We were SO excited (well, that might just have been me!) to start our music lessons this week. You should have received a bill for this half term's tuition. Cheques are payable to Somerset County Council, and please return them to school, and we will pay the cheque to Somerset Music. This need to be done this week please as payment is in advance.

Hot dinners will be on Thursday, and we will be having the baked potato meal. Please remember that meals are only booked if paid for in advance, as we have to have the numbers in good time.

Enjoy your week!

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Headteacher