



Lydeard St Lawrence  
**SCHOOL NEWS**

Autumn 2009

16<sup>th</sup> September

Thank you for returning your data forms and permission slips for walking around the village. If you have not returned these yet, please send them to school as soon as possible, as we can't take the children off site without written permission.

Mrs Napper and Mrs Foyle have begun their music lessons. Payment for these lessons is between yourselves and the teachers, but they have asked me to remind parents about any outstanding payments.

We also have the opportunity to offer violin and woodwind tuition with the tutor who is teaching Class 2 on Tuesday afternoons. If you have an interest in your child taking up violin, or continuing with wind instruments, please let Mrs Pickard know.

Next Monday is harvest festival in church, at 9.00am. This is a short service, as it is also the reception children's first outing with the whole school. It begins our year's charitable contributions, and as usual the funds raised at next Monday night's auction are for Water Aid. Each child is asked to bring along a box of produce, flowers or foodstuffs to auction later in the day. Our school always makes a fantastic effort for the harvest boxes and I would be grateful for all donations on Monday morning. Bring them in to school and the older children will help class 1 with their boxes.

Football starts tomorrow, and rugby club began last night. Please remember that these are for girls and boys and all are welcome from yr3 upwards.

We now have a portaloos in the field and we will walk the children around to the detached field in Nethercot Way. You can pick them up from the field from 4.15pm. There is no parking on the road, but it is only a few minutes walk to the field.

Next week, we will probably be able to use the shortcut across the field to the bottom gate, and if that is the case I will draw you all a map!

We will have all the areas of risk covered, including walkie/talkie access to the school building until we can use the school grounds again.

Thank you to the parents who have continued to help us by chopping fruit in the mornings. We are looking for some more volunteers to help with this. It is fairly quick to do and the more volunteers we have the more it gets shared out. If you could help for 10 or 15 minutes in the morning after school/Preschool drop-off, please let Sarah Wood know or contact Wizz Appleton, who puts the rota together.

Next Friday after school we would love to see you at our McMillan coffee morning in the afternoon! As we are not sure of the progress in the new building, it might be absolutely anywhere on the site, but you are guaranteed a nice cup of tea and some delicious cakes and biscuits. All donations gratefully received on Friday morning please.

I forgot to send a reply slip about MAD day last week. Please fill in and return your slip by Friday please, so I can plan accordingly.

There is so much going on at school at the moment, with the grounds and the new building and the knock on effect this has had for the staff, that it is very likely only the first of several things I might forget! Please be understanding for a little longer, as the wait will be worth it and will allow even more opportunities for our children.

Tomorrow we welcome the last of our reception children to school.

So, a very warm welcome to:

William Sewell, William Debenham, Tamara King, Jake Morin, 'Tian Quaile, Polly Hall, Ewan MacKenzie, Billy Cole, Alice Crockett .

We hope they have a wonderful time at school.

Finally. It is great to have the adventure playground back in action again, along with the tyre park. Please make sure that the children using it after school are carefully supervised and that children who are not yet at school do not climb to the top levels of the adventure playground. Obviously, we are not allowed to use the field yet and the children are not to go on this area until the workmen have finished digging and the safety tapes are in place.

Have a good week

Gill Stripp  
Head Teacher