



Lydeard St Lawrence SCHOOL NEWS

Autumn 2009

1st December

This seems to be a week for hellos and goodbyes!

We are delighted to welcome Jack Smith and his family, who have returned from Wales, and also the Scott family who have recently arrived from Ireland. Charlotte is in Year 6 and Henry is in Year 4. Everyone is already settling in and we hope they all enjoy being members of our school community. Sadly we are also saying goodbye to two of our staff this week. As you know Mrs Finely is expecting her babies in the new year and she is starting her maternity leave after this week. We will let you know how she is getting on and pass on your good wishes for the coming months. Mrs Maxwell is also leaving us at the end of the week, as she has a new job in Taunton, where she lives. She is very much looking forward to this new role and we wish her every happiness and success for the future.

Mrs Anne Constable will be covering much of Mrs Finely's role. She is an experienced SENCo and is part of our local SEN group. She will be working on Mondays in the new year. Mrs Maxwell's post is being advertised and staff are covering her duties, also until the new year. Mrs Harris will be working with teaching staff support in the after school club until we find a new supervisor.

The Christmas Fair was a sociable evening out in spite of the awful weather – thanks to everyone who supported this in any way. We have not had the final total raised yet, but we all enjoyed the whole experience. Can I especially thank Mrs Livesey, who came in on Thursday to make our magical grotto for the children and Father Christmas.

The children raised £57.50 for Children in Need last Friday and a further £19 at the disco raffle. We also sent £28.75 to the Royal British Legion for remembrance poppies.

The play is taking shape... what can I say? I am sure you will enjoy seeing your children sing and perform as much as always. We have plenty of spare tickets for tomorrow afternoon. If you send in a note or ask Sarah she will set some aside for you if you want a preview of next week's performances. Please don't come to the evening performances without having ordered a ticket, as we are at the maximum numbers for safety. Sarah has managed to give everyone their first choices plus the extra tickets requested. If circumstances change and you cannot use your ticket please let her know so that someone else can have them. Thank you.

If you have any outstanding payments for swimming, fruit or Christmas lunch, please send them in to school as soon as possible. Thank you for helping us meet financial requirements by continuing to send these to the classrooms – it has been a great help.

Please set aside time to join us in our Carol Service on Sunday 13th December at 4.00pm in the church. This is a much more traditional service with readings, carols and the lighting of our christingles, which we make in school. We will give you details of other events next week.

Finally, can I ask you to take great care outside the school on frosty mornings, as the water lies on the road alongside the parking area and often freezes into black ice. Several cars have found it hard to stop on this section, and there are always children around here at the start of the day.

Have a good week

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Headteacher.