



Lydeard St Lawrence
SCHOOL NEWS

Autumn 2009

23rd September

Thank you so much for your generous and beautiful harvest gifts. The auction was attended by a few good souls with some spirited bidding and we managed to raise £270 for Water Aid! A great achievement, and a sum of money that can make a real difference.

The Macmillan coffee morning (afternoon) event will take place in school at 3.00pm. Please bring along a cake or some biscuits to share or sell and enjoy catching up with new and old friends over a cup of tea or coffee.

Hopefully, some of the children from Class 3 will be able to wait on tables and clear away, so that can be their contribution to the event, along with eating cake!

A forward notice of Children in Need for those of you that like to have a costume prepared! We will be dressed in sparkly and shiny! This allows us to be robots, spacemen, daleks, or just twinkle with lots of bling and glitter – something for everyone! I am sure you will have lots of great ideas on the day. More information from Mrs England nearer the time.

The PTFA are holding their AGM on Thursday afternoon at 3.00pm at school. If you are coming please make sure school age children are booked into After School club, so that Mrs Maxwell and Mrs Harris can look after them until 3. Many of the older children are playing football until 3.15, so this is perfect timing. Children don't have the option of playing outside on their own, due to safety reasons.

The Cricket club Hog Roast fundraiser has had to be postponed until 3rd October, due to licensing difficulties. All the details remain the same, and you can contact Rah Cattell if you would like to buy a ticket.

We have been asked to remind Yr 6 parents that the Kingsmead open evening is 6.45pm tonight. We understand that letters did not reach you direct, and we had nothing here in school, so I hope you can still take this opportunity.

Now that showers are forecast, please make sure the children have named coats or jackets for playtimes, and that you have put your child's name on their clothes. The lost property bin is overflowing and some of these items cost a considerable amount of money. We are trying to encourage independence – so do get your child to check for themselves. This is really hard for the children if they have no names in.

Could you also please check your children's hair for headlice as we have had several outbreaks since the beginning of term. Once we all get back in to the school routine, I am sure this will settle down, as you do regular checks.

Finally, and happily, a big welcome back to the Ladybirds' Pre-school, who are in their new building at last. We hope to hold an open day, when both the Pre-school and the extended services room can be seen, and further ideas and suggestions for the use of the extended services room and kitchen can be developed.

We are really proud of this new facility and the improved service we can offer the children as a result.

Thank you for your responses for Make A Difference day. I will send you a note on Friday about the jobs we need doing, so that you can dress appropriately, and perhaps bring any tools we are short of to complete the tasks.

I look forward to seeing you then, and at the coffee afternoon on Friday.

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Headteacher.