



Lydeard St Lawrence SCHOOL NEWS

Autumn 2009

2nd September

Welcome back for the beginning of a new academic year with lots of changes and opportunities for everyone at school.

A special welcome to our first new children, Owen and Rhys Coombes in classes 1 and 3; Ellie Venton in Class 3 and Miss Donovan, also in Class 3. Miss Donovan starts her teaching today, but has been busy preparing for the start of term with the other teachers through the holidays, so it feels like we know her well already.

We will be thinking of our year 6 children, who are all starting their new schools this week, and hope they all enjoy their new classes.

As well as new members of the school, we have our new building almost complete. After an excellent start, in spite of the awful weather, there have been a few hold-ups with the completion of the Elliot, but all is on track now for School to access the rooms next week and for Pre-school to begin on 14th September, when they have moved all their furniture back in. This means that Breakfast club and Afterschool Club will run from the new building at some time next week! Please book your children in to this care provision by phoning the office or seeing Jayne Maxwell after school. If you have children just starting or about to start school and think you may need to use this service, please ask for a registration form in advance, so that your child can use the Clubs as soon as you need them.

Club lists will go out on Friday, with details for the first half term. ProCoaching and Team Theme will be providing Rugby and Football coaching as last year, and other club opportunities will be available for lunchtimes and after school. Please return the forms to the classes to book your place. Football and Rugby will be on the detached field, beginning the week starting 14th September.

Children in Classes 2 and 3 will be travelling to St George's on Fridays, beginning next week, Friday 11th September. We have managed to reduce the cost of swimming slightly this term, and it will be £8 per child for each half term (voluntary contribution) or £15 for the whole term (13 sessions). I am sure you agree this is excellent value, as we have managed to secure support for the transport from the Local Authority. The children will continue to have gym/dance or hockey in addition to their swimming lesson.

Fruity Tuck continues to give the children the opportunity to have a selection of fruit and vegetables at breaktime. The price has not increased for the last five years, so I do hope you continue to support this scheme. If your child prefers they can bring a piece of fruit for their breaktime snack. Fruity Tuck is 20p per day, and is £7.00 per half term. If you can help by putting your name on the rota to chop the fruit please contact Wizz Appleton or Sarah Wood in the office.

Sarah is sending another uniform order in two weeks time, so if you find the clothes that fitted in July have now shrunk, or the children have grown, please ask Sarah for an order form. I will also ask her to add this form to the website, which we are currently updating.

We enjoyed our first playtime outside today in spite of the dreadful weather forecast – please make sure the children have a jacket or coat for outdoor play as the forecast doesn't look good for the rest of the week. Can I also remind you to label your child's clothing. Much of it is new and a significant amount is still unnamed, which makes life difficult for the children and also for us when trying to track down their clothes.

It has been a lovely day today, seeing all your children back, particularly as they played together this morning. I hope you all enjoy the rest of this week and have a relaxing weekend.

Gill Stripp
Headteacher.