



Lydeard St Lawrence SCHOOL NEWS

Summer 2010

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Last week was a great week in school – lots going on and plenty of satisfied customers!

Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you to Wizz Appleton for all her hard work in producing hot meals and packed lunches for the staff, pre-school and school last week. We really appreciated the meals and the children and parents have given very good informal feedback at the moment. The staff all helped at lunchtimes to get the meals served, parents helped out in the kitchen (particular thanks to Gillian Luxton), provided some of the ingredients, and Sarah did a brilliant job in the office making sure we had some idea of how many we were cooking for each day – not an easy task! The children were helpful and enthusiastic about the whole experiment.

We will be conducting a survey to form a decision about whether a full time meals service is viable, as it must be self-supporting, particularly in the current economic climate. Please help us by filling this in when it arrives.

The PTFA committee and parents organised a lovely summer fair on Friday evening. Thank you to everyone who so generously supported this event in any way, especially Rah's dance groups and the stall holders and organisers, led by Emily Fairweather. Fern has been working hard to arrive at a final total, but I am sure we did really well, and more importantly everyone had a good time! It was lovely to see new parents join us, and also to see past pupils arriving after school to join in and catch up with old friends.

Some of you may have picked up a leaflet about Let's Get Cooking from Kate Wiltshire. This is a new club that will be running next term. It is a lottery-funded initiative to encourage children (and their families) to cook. This club can be structured in many different ways, so we are welcoming ideas from children and parents. You may want to help at the club for 1 session, or join in learning to cook a new dish, or just use our recipe cards and have a go at home. There will be at least four sessions for every group, and we may have to spread these groups over the year if demand is high. More information will be available at the beginning of next term, but let Kate or me know if you are interested in this initiative.

On Sunday some of class 3 went with Miss Donovan and their families to the Taunton School Rocket Racer competition. The class had designed and made racing cars in the Taunton School Technology department and then completed them at school. The fastest in the test races went forward to the final competition at Taunton School. Frank Norman and Rich Baker's car was narrowly pipped at the post, but they achieved 2nd place overall. We are very proud of them and the efforts made by all Class 3 children and are very pleased with the fact that the boys won a laptop for the school. Well done boys!

We have had the latest cheque from Bags2School - £144. This is slightly overshadowed by the Norman family's generous donation when they moved house, which netted £168! This involved a private collection, a very big van and a big house to empty! Thanks Bev

We will be available to download the year 6 SATs results this week, so reports will come out as soon as these are checked, and will be included in the report pack. Optional SATs results will also be reported to parents in yrs 3 – 5.

.Sarah is completing a uniform order on Friday, so if you know you need to order anything for September please let her have the slip by Thursday afternoon. We can check sizes for you from sweatshirts etc in school.

Sports day is tomorrow, at 9.30am. The PTFA will be providing a light breakfast from 8.30(ish!), so do join us. Please make sure your child has PE kit, a water bottle in school and suncream on. The event consists of a number of activities based on the sports we do in school, which are completed in teams and followed by class/year group races. Pre school children also have some races and it has been known for the parents to join in! We look forward to seeing you then.

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