



Lydeard St Lawrence
SCHOOL NEWS

Autumn 2009

8th December

School photographs have arrived and should be in the children's bags with this newsletter! There have been a few phone calls from parents concerned that these have taken a long time. This was due to the fact that some parents took weeks to return their slips – the photographer got them back to us promptly. However, they are with you in time for Christmas, and the children look lovely in them!

This evening's performance will begin at 7.00pm and children need to arrive at 6.30pm in their classes. There will be no member of staff in the classrooms until then, so if you arrive earlier you will need to hang on to the children until the teachers are there. Please use the door next to Class 3's cloakroom. The performance takes about 50minutes, so if you are not attending the performance please be ready to collect them from 7.50pm. Don't forget to have some change in your pockets for the collection at the end of the performance. Last year the children made a real difference to the lives of other children via their Action Aid contribution and I know they will find an equally good cause to support this year.

The Christmas Fair raised a fantastic total in excess of £835 for the PTFA and all of your children. Many thanks for all your help and contributions as always.

The Carol service and Christingle will be in the church at 4.00pm on Sunday. The reception children will be making the nativity tableau and children from Class 3 will be reading the story of Christmas. Please join us in this traditional celebration to mark the Christmas season with the whole family.

If you have younger (or older!) children who would also like to light a Christingle, just bring one along to light with the rest of the school. We always have a few spares in case of emergencies – just let me know before the service begins.

Don't forget Christmas lunch is on Friday, so no lunchboxes for most of the children. Everyone will eat together in the hall, and the food will be served by the staff as usual.

Congratulations to Rich Baker and Oliver Cattell, who represented the school at the annual Wellington maths challenge. A good performance in this event is always a strength of our school, and the boys maintained an excellent standard and positive attitude to representing us. Well done also to Rich Baker and Sid Appleton who have been 'talent spotted' by the Somerset athletics squad for further training.

Rugby club will continue until the last week of term, but football will finish for the term this Thursday, 10th December. We will be swimming as usual next Friday, the last day of term.

I hope to see you all at the performances this week or at Church on Sunday.
Have a good week.

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Headteacher.