



Lydeard St Lawrence  
**SCHOOL NEWS**

Autumn 2009

16<sup>th</sup> December

Here we are – the last newsletter of 2009. This term has flown by with hardly a pause for breath and now we have just finished another year's Christmas celebrations in school.

It was lovely to see you all at the Carol Service, and so many friends and relatives too! I thought the children who took part did a great job, and the Christingles looked beautiful in the candlelight. My apologies for changing to the more sophisticated Christingle song – perhaps we'll manage both next year!

The collection raised £87.50 for the Children's Society.

Speaking of collections, Well Done to the Thursday evening audience, who put £167 in the bowls!! (Perhaps that was because there were so many of them!) I think this was a brilliant response to the children and staff's hard work and artistry! Altogether we raised £296.03. The children will decide what they want to do with the money in the new year, so do help them with ideas for good causes.

Miss Donovan has sent out a letter about supporting the mobile library service by enrolling all our children. They can do this in addition to their regular library cards and we can help them choose and order appropriate books.

Mrs Pickard also has the information about the new music groups and has sent a letter confirming the details for next term. You should get your instrument hire information directly from Somerset Music.

The children have all been sending cards to us and each other. So many lovely cards that we would like to re-use them in school. Please keep your Christmas cards and bring them in to school next year (!) with as many others as you can collect from friends and neighbours. We will find lots of uses for them.

The school council Eco-team need a parent or governor to be a member of the working party to be able to gain the next level in our Eco-status. This would not involve you in a huge amount of work, but we need to show that the whole community is engaged in improving our eco awareness.

We start school on TUESDAY January 5<sup>th</sup>, as the staff have a training day on Monday 4<sup>th</sup>.

We hope you all have a relaxing and happy Christmas holiday and look forward to seeing you all in 2010.

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Headteacher.