



Lydeard St Lawrence
SCHOOL NEWS

Autumn 2011

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Welcome to Hollie and Charlotte Barons and William Wrayford, who have joined us in classes 2 and 3. I know you will extend a warm welcome to them and their families over the next few weeks.

Thank you for bringing in your bags of recycled clothing and soft furnishings, bags and shoes to school for our Bag2School collection. They will be collected tomorrow (Friday) morning, so if you have any more contributions, please drop them off under the porch or the shelter by the shed at the beginning of the day.

Everyone was very understanding about the cancellation of Good Work Assembly at the end of term, and we are struggling to find a day when everyone is free in the next few weeks. We have set Friday 11th as a provisional date, and will confirm this next week. We really could not have risked someone being ill in the confines of the hall!

To clarify school policy on returning to school after sickness and stomach upsets, the children and staff need to be free of symptoms for 24 hours. However the bug that swept through the school warranted us changing this to 48 hours, and I apologise if some of you were not aware of this – we had very little time to contact everyone. Some children do have specific medical conditions which might need a different approach and this can be discussed with me at any time.

We did, however find that some of the emergency numbers were not contactable, and that other families had no number other than parent to contact. It is essential that every family has another contact – neighbour, friend, relative, who could be contacted if necessary and Sarah will be contacting you to get this additional number if we do not have it already.

Sarah has compiled a new cascade list for bad weather/emergency contacts and the named person will be available to contact if you are in doubt about school closure. I would be grateful if you could see who your class contact is and let us know if you do not wish us to share your contact number (we would use the cascade in cases where we need to contact you all quickly – coach breakdown for example). Unfortunately the signal is too poor in this area to rely on mobile phone alerts.

Years 3,4 and 5 have information about a touch typing programme that can be subscribed to if you are interested. Send the forms back to class please.

There is a hot lunch list attached with this letter, and we are pleased that Tara will be producing Christmas lunch in school for the first time this year!

We still have a vacancy for a parent governor – please contact Sarah for more information.

Finally, the traffic and congestion outside school increases with the number of families we have travelling by car. Please drive slowly and carefully past the school, hold your children's hand on the narrow road outside school and park when possible in the village hall car park. Car sharing might also be something you might wish to explore.

Have a good weekend

Gill Stripp
Headteacher.