



Lydeard St Lawrence
SCHOOL NEWS

Autumn 2011

30th September

We are really pleased that Tara McNeish has been able to continue with hot meals this half term. There is very little waste with this freshly cooked food and we all enjoyed yesterday's lunch. If your child is unsure if they would like the lunch on offer, they can always try a little bit to see if they might order it next time. They rarely take us up on the offer, but we will keep asking! It is good to see the children enjoying the fruit on offer at playtime. Most of them need a small snack to keep them going until lunchtime, and we have fruit only at the morning break. Either send a piece of fruit for them, or you can buy a cup of fruit and vegetables for £1.20 per week. This is often the best way for them to try a variety of fruit and vegetables. Fruity Tuck is £8.40 this half term or £16.00 per term, with cheques payable to Lydeard St Lawrence School. If you are not sure if your child is having fruit, please check with them and send the money into class.

As September goes out in a heat wave, we all need to keep hydrated, so please make sure the children have water bottles in school. They can refill them during the day with cool water, but they do need washing at home to keep them clean. The classroom bottles are for water only please.

Please remember all money for trips, fruit, swimming etc. is sent in to class, as we have to have it checked by 2 people for audit purposes, and so Sarah handles the money when it has been checked off in class. This safeguards everyone and is a good way of ensuring that money is traceable once it comes into the class box. Please put it in an envelope or taped to the reply slip, with your child's name and the amount, and ask them to put it in the class box.

Next week is travel week nationally, and there will be some activities in school that reflect the 'safe on our roads' theme. We also have to renew our School Travel Plan, which includes a parent and pupil questionnaire about travel to school, energy use, safety in the vicinity of the school etc. I would like to thank you for supporting us in sending your children to school with helmets if they are using their bikes. I would also ask you to be very aware of the children walking and cycling to school if you are driving to school, and restrict your speed to an appropriate level. Sometimes cars can appear to be travelling very fast when you are walking or cycling on a narrow road! We don't have a speed restriction outside school, but by driving slowly, parking away from the zigzag lines and keeping your children with you if walking, we can keep them as safe as possible.

Thank you to all those who have volunteered to join us for tomorrow's Make A Difference day. The weather looks like it is going to be good, so we will be able to keep dry this year! We need to get some painting done, some garden clearing, power hosing and cleaning round the outside of school. It would be great if you could bring your own favourite fork or spade (or power drill) so that we can tackle as many jobs as possible. We will start from 10.00 and I look forward to seeing you then.

Next Tuesday is Harvest Festival in the Church, with the service beginning at 9.30am. It is Reception children's first church service, so it will not be too long. Please bring your harvest boxes to class before school and we will get them to church for the service. Any contributions of produce/tins/flowers/vegetables and fruits are very welcome - they will be auctioned on Tuesday evening in the church to send money to Water Aid, which supports the gift of clean water to children everywhere.

I hope I see you at one of our community events in the next week.
Have a good weekend.

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