



Weekly News Letter

9 January, 2009

Dear Parents,

Welcome back and I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year. I hope you have all had a chance to look inside the new buildings and, like me now they are finished, think the disruption of last term was worth it to provide better facilities for your children and children to come. The work to create our new library area starts on Monday, 19 January and should only take about a week. Once this is done your children will have access to a better learning environment.

Please find attached to this news letter a copy of this term's diary and a second attachment setting out the clubs we are hoping to run this term.

A further attachment advertises some activities to be held at either the Axe Valley or Colyton Sports Centres over the coming weeks. Please note these are not organised by the school.

Yarty Class will be going swimming from next Wednesday, 14 January and there is a separate letter for parents of children in this class giving further details.

Watch out for your children's Class Newsletters coming out this week or the next, giving details of the work and topics they will be covering over this coming term.

The Indoor Football Tournament starts again this term at the Axe Valley Sports Centre between 4pm and 5.15pm on a Monday. Our first matches begin on either Monday 19 January or Monday 26 January depending on which team. There will be a Kilmington Team and possible a Kilmington/Membury Team so all the children who want to play can do so. I will give priority to the children who played in both teams at the Seaton Tournament last term but for this tournament we **MUST** have a girl in each team. Therefore, could you please let me know if your child is **UNABLE** to play and I will then send out further details next week.

The Times and Sunday Times Newspapers are running 'Books for Schools' for twelve weeks from January 2009. The school can gain books for its library by exchanging the vouchers printed in the newspapers. I have registered the school so please collect these tokens from the newspapers if you read them or know of someone who does and bring them into school.

Please note that Mrs Harding has reverted back to her original working times of: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings - 8:30am to 12 noon; Wednesday morning - 8:30-10am; Tuesday and Thursday afternoon - 1-4pm.

There are a small number of children that are arriving after the start of the school day. **All children** should be in school by 9am for class teacher's to take the register. It is most disruptive when children come in late.

Lost Property - The lost property box will be cleared next Friday, any unclaimed clothing will be sent to the second hand shop and other items will be binned. Please have a look and make sure there is nothing of yours in there.

Finally, we have made a rule that children can bring cards into swap on a **Friday only**. It is something that was happening to some extent last term but there were some issues causing difficulties. By only allowing one day for this to happen we, as a staff, can be better aware and monitor it more closely. If any child brings in cards on other days we will confiscate them until Friday comes and if any child uses intimidating tactics to make other children swap or bring in cards they do not want to swap then, that child, will be banned from bringing in any cards for the term. The children have been told this and we request your help and support to enforce this.

Malcolm Bettison