

# Loders News

Friday November 24<sup>th</sup> 2017

## *Dear Parents, Carers, Family and Friends*

It has been another busy week here at Loders school. We're very much looking forward to making our Christmas lanterns later on today. Thank you so much to those who have offered to come and help. We should have a full report in next week's newsletter and on the website soon too.

## *Parents' Evening*

Just a reminder that we'll be sending out a brief single-page progress update for each child on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> to focus the meetings on Tuesday. If you haven't managed to make this date or any of the available time slots please speak to your child's class teacher as we want to ensure that we can meet with everybody.

## *Caring for our environment*

We were excited to hear that we'd been nominated as a possible contender to represent Dorset schools at the Bath and West show for our environmental work. This week Ms Beecham welcomed Paul Hillard, a former head teacher from Yeovil, who was impressed by the work done by biodiversity club who were actively involved in building homes for hedgehogs in the school grounds. If successful we may be awarded some money to spend on further improving our school grounds.

## *Brass instruments*

We were disappointed that continuation brass lessons were not able to be organised for us this year. Please can all brass instruments be returned to the school office by the start of December. Thanks to help from Mrs Pearse and Mrs Hashimi, Dorset Music Service have offered us a free loan of musical instruments for use in school as an apology so Mrs Pearse will be able to put these to good use later in the year.

## *Photos*

Please remember that all photo orders must be in by the morning of Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November as they are being collected from us on that day to be processed. This is so that orders will be back with you before Christmas.

## *P.E. kits*

Almost everyone is great at remembering their P.E. kits in school on a Monday for our trips to the leisure centre but can we please remind you all that there is a uniform code for P.E. kit just as there is for the rest of the school day. Recently we have had a few children changing into a variety of colours, sports tops, etc. that do not fit this expectation. We will send out a reminder to everyone and ask that you please ensure the appropriate kit is provided.

On a linked note, snap bands and large coloured watches are not appropriate schoolwear either!

## *Swimming*

We were pleased to welcome Virginia from Bridport Leisure Centre to the school on Thursday to talk about water safety and the importance of learning to swim. Many children from Years 5 and 6 were awarded with certificates for their successes last half term which encouraged the group currently undertaking weekly lessons who will receive similar certificates when Veronica returns after Christmas. A special mention was given for Sam M who was considered to have been the most improved swimmer last half term – well done Sam!

## Well, well, well...

A huge thank you must go this week to Lucy and Chuck from the Loders History Group who gave a presentation on Wednesday about the mysterious well and tunnel underneath the playground.

Monmouth class were out on a walk around the village this week and spotted the place where the school pupils of the past would have had to collect their water from, just across the road from the current school gate. We also compared how the village has changed over time by looking at some old photos.



## Achievers

Congratulations to all our Achievers this week. We haven't forgotten them and they will appear here in next week's edition of the Loders News.

## Dates to Remember

Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Colmers Hill Cross Country Event
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Nasal flu vaccinations YrR to Yr4
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Singing and School Band at Bucky Doo Square 4.30pm
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	PTFA Christmas Fair
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Pantomime Trip
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch (order online)
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Church Service 2.15pm and 5pm

*Have a great weekend!*