



Dear Parents/Guardians

Harvest Festival

Many thanks for all of your donations towards our Harvest Festivals. The produce has been collected by the Swindon Foodbank and will do immense good to support individuals and families in and around Swindon.

Thanks also to so many of you who were able to join us for the assemblies and to the children for their excellent performances.

Parent Consultations

These will take place on 14th and 15th of October. A separate letter will be sent with details, and we look forward to seeing all parents/guardians at these meetings.

The Teacher Training Days for 2009/10

We are pleased to confirm that the remaining four TD days will take place on the following dates;

Monday 2nd November

Monday 4th January

Monday 7th June

Friday 9th July

Congratulations

Congratulations to Grace S, Alice S and Hannah P from last year's Year 6 who did fabulously to come second in the SWISCARS (Swindon Oscars) animation competition organised for Swindon schools.

Mr Strevens and Mrs Wilson accompanied the children to an 'Oscar' style ceremony recently to collect the prizes which included a Green Screen, webcam, tripod and animation software which we will now put to good use in school.

Wet Mornings

I'd just like to remind you of the procedures we follow in the event of rain. If it is raining significantly in the morning we will open doors at 8.30p.m at which time children can enter directly without having to queue in the usual manner. I am afraid we cannot let children in earlier as we cannot guarantee that they will be supervised as staff are still preparing for the day.

Footballs

I have reminded all children today that the playing of football and other games is not permitted on the school playgrounds before or after school as this is dangerous to the many smaller children who are around at this time. I will endeavour to keep a close eye on this but would welcome your support in ensuring that everyone using the school site can feel safe at all times.

A note from Governors - Parental Questionnaire

"The Governors would like to thank those parents and carers who completed a parental questionnaire last term. Over half of the questionnaires were returned which has given the school some very helpful feedback and information. The overwhelming majority of you rated Lawn as an excellent school, with its main strengths being the quality of teaching and the happiness and welfare of our pupils. You also indicated that you were happy about your child's progress, their happiness at school and the leadership and management of the school.

Some of the responses asked us to look at improving home-school communication and with this in mind as you have read in the last newsletter, the School will soon be implementing e-mail and text communications, with paper copies for those who would prefer it. We recognise that working closely and effectively with parents and making sure that we listen to any concerns that you may raise is an important part of developing and strengthening the home-school relationship.

Some questionnaire responses raised questions about how effectively the School deals with bullying. The School has a zero tolerance policy to bullying. Within their day to day learning children are encouraged to speak to a member of staff about any worries or concerns about bullying. Any incident whether it has been reported by a pupil or parent is always investigated. Further information on the School's approach to promoting good behaviour and how we deal with bullying is in the Whole School Behaviour Policy which is available from the School Office. We hope to make this available on the School website soon.

Lawn Primary School is an "open school" and if you have any concerns or questions please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance or see Mr Davis. We will continue to listen to your ideas and comments and we intend to ask for your feedback again next year by sending home a questionnaire to another sample group of parents.

The Lawn Primary School Governing Body"

Walk to School Month

October is walk to school month, so we'd be really grateful if everyone could think about leaving the car at home, or a distance away, and walk some or all of the journey to school. Why not park at the community centre or even further, perhaps Coate and enjoy the October sunshine?



Regards

**C M Davis
Headteacher**