

# Wymeswold World

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The term is now in full swing, and the summer holidays seem such a long time ago now, although the weather has been much better than we had in the summer!

I should like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs Andrea Wagg who is has joined us in class 2 as the maternity cover for Jo Riddell. We all wish Jo well with her forthcoming joyous event and will keep you all posted with news.

The children have settled in well and are working hard from day 1. There has been quite a lot of upheaval to take into consideration with new teachers in most classes, the advent of school meals and some new procedures. However, as I walk around the school children seem very positive and on task, which is how we want the year to carry on.

I would like to say a big 'THANK YOU' to all the parents who have 'got stuck in' with our lunchtime rota - you have made it an awful lot easier for all of us. I hope the interest and involvement continues as it has been very positive for the children. School meals have been a huge success and we are ironing out the teething troubles that were bound to happen with such a new and intense initiative. The main success however has to be the comments and opinions of the children themselves who are thoroughly enjoying their meals.

Also, a big WELL DONE has to go to all you parents who have made sure your lunch forms and money are with us on time. It does make a huge difference to us as we organise the admin - I give you all a blue WOW for effort.

*Rebecca Jackson*

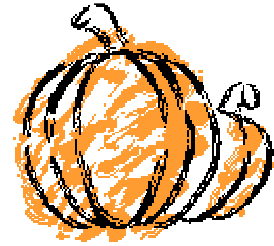




## Harvest

Our Harvest Festival celebrations will be on Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11.00am, all will be welcome to come to St Mary's Church and join in the praise at this special time of year.

Instead of produce, this year the children will be making biscuits and distributing them to senior friends of the village. A little closer to the time we will be asking parents for donations of either money or ingredients (or time if you are feeling brave) to make the biscuits in school. We will also need help distributing them.



## PTA

The AGM for our school PTA will be on Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm, here at school.

The PTA does such fantastic support work for the school and is great fun to be part of.

If you would like to join and get involved in both raising money for the school and enjoying the social side of the PTA look out for the posters that will be going up

## Good News for Class 3

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Scallon has agreed to stay with us until the end of the Spring term. I know all of her class will be thrilled she will be with us a little longer.

## LOST!

Could everyone be on the look-out for Jack Shelton's trainers, please.

They are size 7  $\frac{1}{2}$  and are Lacoste brand. They have been missing since the beginning of term. If anyone has seen them could they let Class 4's

## Harry Carlton Awards Ceremony

We would like to inform you all how well past pupils of the school have done at a recent awards ceremony at Harry Carlton School in East Leake.

We are very proud of our children and believe we do a good job in setting them up for life long learning.



# Blue Note Bistro

Tickets will soon be available for this year's **Blue Note Bistro** - the highlight of the Autumn term social calendar! This year it is an evening with a Christmas theme and will be happening on

Friday December 12<sup>th</sup>.

If you have never been to **Blue Note**, it is a sophisticated evening of song and fine dining, all happening in the school hall. The children get involved by providing entertainment alongside the fantastic '**Slippery Fish**'.

The money raised goes straight to improving the provision of music in the school. It is always an amazing event, and is organised with much love and hard work by Rachel Evans and Nicci Keeling.

This year we have the added attraction of our '**Blue Note Bistro CD**'. This will be a professionally produced recording with all the songs included from the show with bonus added tracks by all the children. This will be available for order at the event and afterwards. A real Christmas treat for your friends and relatives!

## GOVERNORS' NEWS

### Finance Committee

I am Jane Bowley, Chair of the Finance & Premises Committee which meets about twice a term to review any matters relating to Finance or the Building. Other Committee members include Jenny McBean (Chair of Governors), Sarah Sturmeay, Sue Fossey, Neil Paterson & Becky Jackson. As a Committee we report back to the Full Governing Body meeting.

This term we have the premise redevelopment plans top of the agenda as we have to agree & submit the plans for planning consent. The plans encompass the extension of class 3 & 4 and changes to the front administrative area. Then, when the building quotes have been obtained, we will evaluate which parts of the plan school capital & money from the new housing developers will cover - it will not cover it all by any stretch! We will keep you informed as to any decisions made and would gladly hear from any groups of parents who have the energies to fundraise for additional funds for this exciting plan.

Routinely the Finance Committee reviews the actual school expenditure compared to the Budgets set for the year and the numbers of pupils on roll. The Capital Budgets are also reviewed and I am sure you have noticed the latest spending from this Budget outside Class 3!

Another area which is taking up quite a bit of time is the Financial Management Standard in Schools with most of the work being done by Sue Fossey, Sue Shelton & Becky Jackson ahead of the November deadline. To ensure the School passes the assessment many standards have to be formalised & procedures documented & agreed by the Governing Body. By going for an early assessment date we have saved ourselves the pleasure of being charged for it by County Hall!

# Dates for your Diary

## AUTUMN TERM 2008

Month:	Date:	Event:
October	Fri 3rd	Harvest Festival, St Mary's Church 11:00am
	Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	Last swim of half term
	Tues 14 <sup>th</sup>	Photographer - individual photographs. Parents' Evening 3.30-5.30
	Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening 3.30 - 7.30
	Thur 16 <sup>th</sup>	School closes for Half-term
	Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>	School opens
November	Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming begins again for years 4,5 & 6
	Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	Last Swim
December	Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	Young Voices Concert - Sheffield arena
	Weds 10 <sup>th</sup>	Induction for January Reception class intake and parents.
	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Blue Note Bistro
	Weds 17 <sup>th</sup>	Key Stage 1 Nativity 2.00pm
	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Concert and service - St Mary's Church, 2.00pm.
		<b>School closes</b>

### School Meals Update

The meal times themselves are running efficiently and the serving staff are fantastic. A big thank you to the parents and grand parents who have helped out on a rota basis which has been very helpful and beneficial to the children. As a result of this we would like to sort out a more permanent rota. If you would like to volunteer your services please let us know .

Here are a few little reminders to help the administration of the meals run quicker:

**Please:**

- Hand the form in on the **Friday** in the envelope provided with the amount of money filled in on the front
- Make sure that if you have more than one child each child's form goes in a separate envelope to their class teacher.
- Cheques must be made payable to '**Leicestershire County Council**'
- Do not staple or sellotape the envelopes
- Indicate on the form if your child would like bread.
- If your child would like yoghurt or fruit instead of the choice of dessert please indicate clearly on the form.
- If your child has not pre-ordered meals they must bring a packed lunch